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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-151**

MEETING: March 23, 2021  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Mike Van Loben Sels, Acting Fire Chief  
RE: Approve the Submittal of a Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) Grant Application

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve the Submittal of a Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) Grant Application to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for Up to \$20,000 of Additional Funding for Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment; and Authorize the Fire Chief to Submit the Application.

The RFC grant is a Federal Block grant program administered in California by CAL FIRE. The grant's purpose is to enable rural fire departments to purchase safety equipment so they can stay in compliance with National Fire Protection Association safety standards while engaged in firefighting activities.

The approval to apply for this grant could enable Mariposa County Fire Department (MCFD) to purchase twelve (12) new sets of structural firefighting ensembles and 15 new wildland firefighting ensembles that comply with current safety regulations. This grant will effectively decrease the Fire Department's purchase price of the new gear to half.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

This program was previously called the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant, which the Board of Supervisors has approved and accepted in the past. MCFD budgets for these matching funds requirement in anticipation of this opportunity. This grant is instrumental for updating gear to better protect our firefighters.

### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Mariposa County Fire Department will lose the available grant funds to replace its Structural and Wildland fire fighting ensembles.

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**RESULT:** **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor  
**SECONDER:** Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors  
**AYES:** Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey