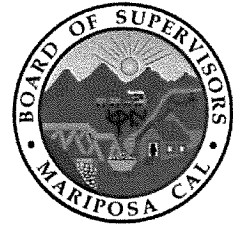


MARIPOSA COUNTY

Fire ·



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-231

MEETING: May 22, 2018
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Nancy Koerperich, Chief
RE: Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Ratify the Submission of the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Application.

The VFA grant is a Federal Block Grant program administered in California by CAL FIRE. The grant's purpose is to enable volunteer fire departments to purchase safety equipment so that they can better comply with National Fire Protection Association safety standards while engaged in firefighting activities. This is a grant program that the Mariposa County Fire Department (MCFD) annually participates in and budgets for the local match requirement. This year, the application was submitted prior to receiving Board approval due to a short turnaround time with a due date of May 11, 2018.

Mariposa County Fire Department is now requesting the VFA Grant application be ratified as grant funding can be used to purchase National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant Structural Fire Fighting clothing. The VFA Grant is in the amount of \$30,726 with Mariposa County paying \$15,363 and the VFA Grant awarding \$15,363. The current inventory of Structural Fire Fighting clothing is at its expiration date (service life) as per NFPA 1971.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors has approved the same Grant in previous years, with the last approval with Resolution 17-791 on November 21, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If no action is taken the current Structural Fire Fighting clothing will be past its expiration date and will no longer be usable. The County will lose the available grant funds to replace the Structural Fire Fighting clothing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Current Fiscal Year Cost is \$15,363, and is included in the Adopted Budget

ATTACHMENTS:

2018_VFA Grant (PDF)

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RESULT: **ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

SECONDER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor

AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey

EXCUSED: Kevin Cann



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (VFA) PROGRAM
Agreement #7FG _____



A. DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION:

Organization Name :

Contact's First Name : Contact's Last Name :

Street Address :

Mailing Address :

City : County : Zip Code :

State : CAL FIRE Unit :

Phone Number : Email Address :

DUNS Number : To check to see what your DUNS number is, or to apply for one, please go to:
<https://iupdate.dnb.com/iUpdate/companylookup.htm>

B. AREA TO BE SERVED BY AWARD (Include areas covered by contract or written mutual aid agreements).

Number of Communities : Area : sq. miles Congressional District # :

Population : Annual Budget :

Latitude N ° ' " Longitude W ° ' "

Latitude must be between 32 and 42 degrees. Longitude must be between 114 and 125 degrees. Latitude and Longitude minutes and seconds must be between 0 and 60. Use a central point in the Applicant's service area for the general area covered by the project.

*All projects **must** have a project area.*

C. ACTIVITY : Annual number of emergency incidents.

Fire : + EMS : + Other : = **TOTAL : 1,031**

D. INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY (If project includes an Indian Tribal Community, please provide) :

Population : Size (acres) : # of structures : Distance to nearest fire station (miles) :

CAL FIRE USE ONLY (Formula-driven)

Project Total Cost	\$30,725.50	TOTAL APPLICATION REQUEST (up to 50%; \$500 minimum, \$20,000 maximum)	\$15,362.75
AMOUNT FUNDED FOR THIS AGREEMENT		<input type="text"/>	

E. Proposed Project (List individual items for funding. Please put in funding priority order) :

	Type	Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Total
1.	Safety - Structural	Structural Coats	10	\$1,100.00	\$11,000.00
2.	Safety - Structural	Structural Pants	10	\$1,100.00	\$11,000.00
3.	Safety - Structural	Structural Boots	10	\$340.75	\$3,407.50
4.	Safety - Structural	Structural Hoods	10	\$81.93	\$819.30
5.	Safety - Structural	Structural Helmets	10	\$317.38	\$3,173.80
6.	Safety - Structural	Structural Gloves	10	\$65.99	\$659.90
7.	Safety - Structural	Structural Goggles	10	\$66.50	\$665.00
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F. CAL FIRE USE ONLY (Formula-Driven) PROJECT TOTAL COST	\$30,725.50
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G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 1. Briefly describe the area to be served: fire protection system, water system, equipment, facilities, staffing, hazards, etc. and purpose of proposed project. 2. How will the request(s) maintain or bring your organization into compliance with NFPA 1977 : Limited to space below.

The Mariposa County Fire Department is requesting a Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program Grant for the purchase of NFPA compliant Wildland and Structural clothing items in the amount of \$30,725.50 with the County paying \$15,362.75 and the VFA awarding \$15,362.75

The Mariposa County Fire Department is an All Risk fire department providing fire suppression, and rescue services to all unincorporated areas in the County with a total population served of approximately 18,251. There are 14 county fire stations protecting over 1463 square miles staffed by 85 volunteer firefighters. At this time, there are no fire stations staffed 24 hours a day with career firefighters.

This cannot be understated, proper personal protective equipment is the most important life saving survival piece of equipment during extreme fire behavior. The deficiency of appropriate PPE has severely impacted available manpower in previous fire seasons, and with this year's projected increase in fire activity will place even a greater burden on existing resources.

Mariposa County has mainly SRA area within its jurisdiction, and given past fire history in providing assistance to USFS, CAL FIRE and the Cal OES mutual aid system this award would significantly enhance firefighter safety on fire suppression and structural protection operations for our volunteer firefighters.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this request.

In addition to the original request(s), Applicants may list alternative projects for excess or unused funds, which the State will review during the initial application process. The State will determine which of the Applicant's projects are eligible for funding if excess or unused funds become available. Upon advanced written approval by the State, the applicant may use additional/excess funding up to the contract maximum amount to purchase State approved items in listed order of priority on their application.

Deviations from the original application are considered an amendment and require prior approval before the amended expenditures can be made.

The funds will be only for those projects accomplished and/or items purchased between Agreement Approval Date and June 30, 2019. The Recipient agrees to provide CAL FIRE with itemized documentation of the Agreement project expenditures and bill CAL FIRE as soon as the project is complete, but no later than September 1, 2019.

The Recipient gives CAL FIRE or any authorized representative access to examine all records, books, papers, or documents relating to the Agreement. The Recipient shall hold harmless CAL FIRE and its employees for any liability or injury suffered through the use of property or equipment acquired under this Agreement. The applicant certifies that to the best of applicant's knowledge and belief, the data in this application is true.

I certify that the above and attached information is true and correct:


Original Signature Required: Grantee's Authorized Representative

5.3.18
Date Signed

Printed Name

Title

Executed on:
Date

at
City

Organization Name : Mariposa County Fire Department

**Grant Assurances
for
Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978
Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA)**

Organization Name : Mariposa County Fire Department

Contact's First Name : John

Contact's Last Name : Morgan

Street Address : 5082 Bullion Street

Mailing Address : P.O. BOX 162

City : Mariposa

County : Mariposa

Zip Code : 95338

State : California

CAL FIRE Unit : MMU - Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit

Phone Number : 2099664330

Email Address : john.morgan@fire.ca.gov

DUNS Number : 10221005

To check to see what your DUNS number is, or to apply for one, please go to:
<https://iupdate.dnb.com/iUpdate/companylookup.htm>

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant named above:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance grant, of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 and has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the grant.
2. Will assure that grant funds are used only for items requested and approved in the application.
3. Assures that all wildland fire response employees (full-time, part-time or volunteer) are fully equipped with appropriate wildland fire response personal protective equipment that meets NFPA 1977, *Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting*, and are trained to a proficient level in the use of the personal protective equipment. Wildland fire suppression safety clothing and equipment includes :
 - Safety helmet
 - Goggles
 - Ear Protection
 - Fire-resistant (i.e. Nomex) hood, shroud, or equivalent face and neck protection
 - Fire-resistant (i.e. Nomex) shirt and pants
 - Gloves
 - Safety work boots
 - Wildland fire shelter
 - Communications Equipment
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business or other ties.
6. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, Executive orders, regulations, Program and Administrative requirements , policies and other requirements governing this program.
7. Will comply with USDA Forest Service Civil Rights requirements. See Forest Service Civil Rights literature [here](#).
8. Understands that failure to comply with any of the above assurances may result in suspension, termination or reduction of grant funds.


Organization Name : Mariposa County Fire Department

In compliance with NFPA 1977 and trained in the use of Wildland PPE.

Not in compliance with NFPA 1977 but applying for grant funding to purchase Wildland PPE and/or provide required training.

The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized by the above named applicant to enter into this agreement for and on behalf of the said applicant.

Printed Name of Authorized Agent :

Signature of Authorized Agent : 

Title of Authorized Agent :

Date :

Submit this completed application electronically to: CALFIRE.Grants@fire.ca.gov In addition, print this application , sign and date and mail

to:

CAL FIRE

ATTN: Megan Esfandiary , Grants Management Unit

P.O. Box 944246

Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Hard copy must be postmarked by May 11, 2018.

Electronic copy must be submitted by May 11, 2018 at 11:59pm.