

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM
3.22
(ID # 7083)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 5, 2018

FROM : FIRE DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: FIRE: The Acceptance of FY 2018 Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance
(GSEJA); [3rd District] [\$50,000 total cost] 100% Non-profit Organization Funds

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the FY 2018 grant award in the amount of \$50,000 from the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance; awarded to the Riverside County Fire Department with no match requirement; and,
2. Authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to sign and administer all actions necessary and to sign any related grant documents.

ACTION:

Daniel Talbot

Daniel Talbot, Chief Cal Fire Riverside County 5/17/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 5, 2018
xc: Fire

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

By *[Signature]*
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 50,000	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Non-profit Organization Funds			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year: 18/19	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance (GSEJA) has awarded the Riverside County Fire Department funding in the amount of \$50,000 to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for the department's Volunteer Reserves Programs (VRP). The intent of the GSEJA funding is to purchase twenty complete sets of PPEs for the departments VRP in the Southwest Division of Riverside County. The PPE to be purchased includes helmets, turnout coats, turnout pants, boots, mandatory accessories, and self-contained breathing apparatus masks.

There are no obligated County funds required for this funding. In compliance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-30 (Coordination of Grants), the Fire Department received authorization to proceed with the application process. In addition, this grant pertains to the function of the Fire Department.

The GSEJA's mission is, "passionately advocating for the politically under-represented residents of the State of California...[and] devote the time and energy necessary to educate, advocate and ensure all people receive fair treatment." The GSEJA believes in the principles that defines Environmental Justice that the fair treatment and meaningful participation of people of all races, culture, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. They accomplish their mission through private fundraising used to provide grants to non-profit and governmental organizations for purposes aligned with their objectives.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

These funds are dedicated to protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire related hazards in the unincorporated area.

Additional Fiscal Information

There is no cost-match or maintenance of effort requirement for this funding.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

This is the first grant award from GSEJA to the Fire Department.

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Ryan Carter, Principal Management Analyst

5/29/2018



Misley Wang, Supervising Accountant

5/21/2018



May 8, 2018

Dear Chief Daniel Talbot,

The Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance are excited to inform you that your grant for \$50,000 toward the purchase of safety equipment and communication equipment has been awarded. The following grant budget was approved:

Category	Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)					
PPE	Helmet	Phenix 1500 CA	20	\$202	\$4,033
PPE	Turnout Coat	LION	20	\$1,057	\$21,136
PPE	Turnout Pants	LION	20	\$622	\$12,438
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PPE	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Mask	Scott AV-3000 HT	20	\$240	\$4,796
Subtotal - PPE				\$2,595	\$51,893
Communications Equipment (Comm)					
Comm	2-way Radio	Kenwood	0	\$1,005	\$0
Comm	Accessory package	Spare batteries and battery charger	0	\$225	\$0
Subtotal - Comm				\$1,230	\$0
Total Equipment Cost					\$51,893

We look forward to a six-month report that will document the purchase and distribution of the equipment to the volunteer fire fighters in the Southwest Division per your proposal.

We ask that you please sign this acceptance letter following the approval by the Riverside Board of Supervisors and scan back to us and we will sign and send you a copy with your check via certified mail. Please let us know if you have any questions about the award by contacting John Lewis at (626) 227-5088.

CalFire/Riverside County Fire Department agrees to provide the above described funding toward the Southwest Division Volunteer Firefighters Program per the reception of the \$50,000 grant from the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance.

CalFire/Riverside County Fire Department
 Company name
 Chief Daniel Talbot, Fire Chief

Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance
 Company name
 Joe Bourgeois, Executive Director

 Signature
 5/8/18
 Date

 Signature
 5/8/18
 Date

CalFire/Riverside County Fire Department



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April 26, 2018

Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance
Attn: Mr. John Lewis

Dear Mr. Lewis,

CalFire/Riverside County Fire Department's Volunteer Reserves Program respectfully requests consideration of our proposal for grant funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance to purchase personal protective equipment for our volunteer programs located in the Southwest Division of Riverside County. This equipment will ensure current and new volunteers in the Southwest Division meet all safety protocols as they selflessly volunteer to serve their communities. Attached is our grant funding proposal which further details our request. If I can provide anything, please feel free to contact me.

On behalf of the CalFire/Riverside County Fire Department and the citizens of the County of Riverside, we sincerely thank you and your colleagues for your time and consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JM', is written over a horizontal line.

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Grant Request

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Departmental History and Operations

Riverside County spans nearly 7,300 square miles in Southern California from Orange County to the Arizona border and was formed in 1893 by carving out portions of San Bernardino and San Diego County's. Soon after, the Riverside County Fire Department was formed when the Board of Supervisors approved a basic fire protection plan comprising of the nine existing State Forest Fire Stations and the existing volunteer fire departments. The California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) had its beginnings in the late 1800's and was officially incepted in 1905. CalFire and Riverside County formed a contractual relationship in 1921 to augment the level of wildland fire protection provided by the State of California and the County of Riverside.

The current partnership between CalFire and the Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD) was formed in 1946, when Riverside County looked to the State Forestry Dept. in Sacramento for assistance and guidance in forming a comprehensive County Fire Department. Truman Holland became the departments first Fire Chief and was a dedicated advocate of a consolidated State/County Fire Department operating under contract to provide a unified command system for the handling of emergencies by having stations strategically located across a vast area of Riverside County. Under Chief Holland's leadership, the department built a community oriented fire department built upon donated land and buildings for fire stations, acquiring and converting used military equipment to fire resources, and increased use of volunteer firefighters.

The department currently operates 97 fire stations, an air attack base, two training centers, an administrative headquarters, while also maintaining a fleet of 704 vehicles, employing 1,283 paid-career fire fighters and administrative staff, and 150 volunteer firefighters and support staff. The department contracts to provide emergency services and fire protection in 22 contract cities and districts as well as has mutual aid and automatic aid agreements with other city and federal jurisdictions. The department provides fire protection and emergency services to 67% of Riverside County's 2.3 million residents and is directly responsible for 95% of Riverside County's 7,295 square miles of land area. The Southwest Division of the department consist of three



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battalions, has 23 fire stations that house over 50 pieces of equipment and dozens of firefighters, and serves approximately a quarter of the citizens of Riverside County.

From the year 2000 to 2016, Riverside County's population has increased 48%, which correlates to the department's incident response workload increasing by 58% to nearly 160,000 runs in 2016. Due to the county's large population, 83% of department's incident calls are medical or traffic collision related. Though only a small percentage of the department's responses are related to wildland fires, the responses to these disasters tend to be very expensive. Because of this, department management diligently balances the budgeting of resources between emergency operations and providing for all other departmental needs including providing updated equipment to personnel.

Background for this Grant Request

Prior to the department's current structure being formed in 1946, essentially all firefighting was handled on a volunteer basis. The department's Volunteer Reserves Programs (VRP) was the backbone of the fire department until the early 1990's as most front line firefighters were volunteers. During the 1990's, the department started to become more career oriented and hired more paid firefighters, which has caused volunteer numbers to shrink. Since that time, the role of personnel assigned to the VRP has shifted from a primary first response firefighter role to support and augmentation of career staffing. The VRP also has a professional development component to assist people to get training and experience needed to pursue a paid career in the firefighting profession. VRP personnel are dedicated to their volunteer vocation and 10d to serve on a long-term basis, with many serving between 10 and 20 years, and some serving as many as 35 years volunteering for the RCFD-VRP!

Volunteer staff perform the same duties as paid-career staff members. Volunteer firefighters respond to fire and emergency incidents to conduct fire suppression, perform rescue operations, and provide emergency medical aid. Volunteer support staff include chaplains, photographers, mobile communication technicians, water tender operators, and breathing support operators who provide valuable crisis support, emergency management, and incident support to the department on a daily basis. There are currently 96 volunteer firefighters responding to fire and emergency incidents, and an additional 50 volunteer staff providing support services to the department. During the 2017 calendar year, our Volunteer Reserve staff showed their dedication to the department and the citizens of the County of Riverside by donating over 49,000 hours in emergency and non-emergency incidents and training. There are nearly 150 enrolled Volunteer Reserves in our program who work an average of 309 hours per month and 3,700 hours per year. This equates to 13 full-time equivalent paid positions which provide a personnel value to the department of over \$1.7 million per year.



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The department currently has 23 volunteers clearing the hiring process now, and plans to hire an additional 23 more by the fall of 2018. This creates a challenge for the department to manage procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety gear for both paid and volunteer staff, while also managing all other operational expenses. Past practice has shown that the VRP staff tend to be the last to receive new or updated equipment, and meeting these demands sometimes creates operational and safety issues that this grant funding will greatly help the department address.

Request for Funding and Budget

Grant funding from the GSEJA would allow the department to both address a current safety need as well as prepare for future needs, particularly in the Southwest Division of Riverside County. The departments current urgent need is for PPE for our reserve firefighters to ensure they are in compliance with National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards that govern communications for fire departments and personnel. The VRP also has new staff that will be coming on board by the summer of 2018 and we will need to outfit them with personal protective equipment that includes helmets, turnout coats and pants, boots, self-contained breathing apparatus masks, and other mandatory accessories such as gloves, goggles, and fire shelters.

The department is hereby requesting funding to purchase 20 complete sets of PPEs to support the volunteers in the Southwest Division of the Riverside County Fire Department. Below are the details of the departments proposed budget for this funding opportunity:

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Building the budget for this funding opportunity was a difficult task because it is impossible to determine what safety need is the most important. Our thought process was narrowed down to providing for the urgent for PPE for volunteer firefighters that currently respond to incidents in the Southwest Division if Riverside County. The departments other highest priority is to purchase personal protective equipment for staff that are currently in the hiring process so we can get them equipped to respond to fire and emergency incidents as soon as possible. While 20 sets of PPEs will not address the entire volunteer program's needs, it will greatly assist us to get current staff into compliance now while also allowing us to get new staff ready and able to respond to incidents and provide valuable volunteer firefighting services to the communities and citizens of the County of Riverside.

***We thank you for your time and consideration,
and sincerely appreciate this opportunity!***