

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



ITEM: 3.16
(ID # 14903)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

FROM : FIRE DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT: Authorization to Apply for FY2020-2021 and FY2021-2022 California Climate Investments and Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Fire Prevention Grant Program with a four (4) year performance period, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Riverside County Fire Department to Apply for the FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 California Climate Investments and Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Fire Prevention Grant Program.

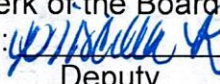
ACTION:


Bill Weiser, Fire Department Chief 4/6/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: April 20, 2021
xc: FIRE

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State Funds			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 20/21 - 25/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The California Climate Investments and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Forest Health and Fire Prevention Programs have been funded in the past with Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds appropriated by the California Legislature to agencies that administer California Climate Investments (CCI). The appropriation amounts for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Fiscal Year 2021-2022 grant applications is pending and may be funded from another source.

These programs improve resiliency of forested and forest-adjacent communities and upper watershed forests while achieving climate goals. The grant funding will be available for local projects and activities that address the risk of wildfire, reduce wildfire potential and increase community resiliency. Funded activities include hazardous fuel reduction, fire prevention planning and fire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Qualifying projects and activities will help California cope with its extensive tree mortality crisis and provide benefits to habitable structures in the State Responsibility Area (SRA). Projects will be designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions during project activities and over time through wildfire reduction.

The department plans to apply for hazardous fuel reduction projects which include continuing fuel breaks in the Elsinore Front Country and the Spring Crest community in the San Jacinto Mountains to allow for additional landowner participation and more fuels to be removed. A new project application will address the need for a shaded fuel break in the Red Mountain area from Hemet to Aguanga. The project components will include survey and mapping of tree health and mortality, treatment of trees and forest fuels and other related forest restoration projects, and fuel modification activities.

The department also plans to apply for funding to increase education to the public on wildfire mitigation and risk reduction strategies. These projects will include educational workshops, materials creation and other educational activities with the purpose of increasing knowledge and awareness of information that could be used to reduce the total number of wildland fire and acres burned.

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There is also an opportunity to apply for funding for planning projects which could include mapping, research, determination of standards and development of codes and regulations to mitigate wildfire dangers.

If the Fire Department is awarded funding, we will seek acceptance of the award from the Board of Supervisors. All project and activity work related to awarded grants must be completed by March 15, 2025 or March 15, 2026, depending on the source of the funds awarded.

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

The Fire Prevention Grant Program does not require cost share match; however, priority is given to projects that contain matching funds and leverage other financial resources. The department will provide cost share through our approved budgeted departmental functions.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

On November 6, 2018 via MO#3.20 the Board of Supervisors authorized the acceptance of grant #5GG17197 in the amount of \$1,898,303 in Fire Prevention Grant Program funding for the Elsinore Front Country Fuel Break project which is ongoing until March 15, 2022.

On November 6, 2018 via MO#3.21 the Board of Supervisors authorized the acceptance of grant #5GG17196 in the amount of \$853,482 in Fire Prevention Grant Program funding for the Riverside County Dead, Dying Diseased Tree Removal project which is ongoing until March 15, 2022.

On May 7, 2019 via MO#3.18 the Board of Supervisors authorized the acceptance of grant #8GG18659 in the amount of \$766,500 in Fire Prevention Grant Program funding for the Riverside County Forest Health Program which is ongoing until March 30, 2023.

On June 4, 2019 via MO#3.14 the Board of Supervisors authorized the acceptance of grant #5GA18224 in the amount of \$1,541,570 in Fire Prevention Grant Program funding for the Spring Crest Defensible Fuel Profile Zone (DFPZ) Fuel Break project and the terms of the grant have been satisfied.

On June 4, 2019 via MO#3.13 the Board of Supervisors authorized the acceptance of grant #5GA18225 in the amount of \$558,518 in Fire Prevention Grant Program funding for the Riverside County Fire Prevention Education Program and the terms of the grant have been satisfied.

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