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



ITEM: 3.5 (ID # 17484)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, November 02, 2021

FROM: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Adoption of Resolution 2021-200 Authorizing the Emergency Management Department to apply for the California Fire Safe Council Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program. All Districts, 100% State Funds [up to \$380,000]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

 Adopt Resolution Number 2021-200, authorizing the Director of Emergency Management Department (EMD), or designee, to apply to the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) for the 2021 Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program in the amount up to \$380,000, and for the EMD Director and Deputy Director to execute documents related to the grant on behalf of the County.

ACTION:

Bruce Barton, EMD Director

10/26/2021

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:

November 2, 2021

XC:

EMD

Kecia R. Harper

Clerk of the Board

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:		Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost	
COST	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$ N/A	\$ 0	
NET COUNTY COST	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$ N/A	\$0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State Funds					Budget Adjust	Budget Adjustment: No	
					For Fiscal Yea	For Fiscal Year: 21/22-22/23	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The County of Riverside Emergency Management Department (EMD) is requesting approval of its EMD Director or designee applying for the California Fire Safe Council's (CFSC) Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program.

CFSC is a non-profit corporation with the mission to be "California's leader in community wildfire risk reduction and resiliency." CFSC has provided over 900 grants and over 100 million dollars to organizations and agencies throughout California since 2004. The goals and objectives of CFSC's Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program are to: 1) create or enhance the ability of a county to evacuate its citizens quickly and safely in the event of an encroaching wildfire; 2) develop an on-going program of evacuation, route planning, construction, and maintenance; and 3) develop an on-going program of public education and awareness of how to use evacuation routes.

CFSC will be accepting applications for their Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program from November 1, 2021, through November 30, 2021, with a maximum award amount of \$380,000 with no matching funds required. All costs for wildfire evacuation planning and implementation will be eligible with a grant term of 16 months from December 2021 to April 2023. Priority will be given to counties with a high portion of the county in High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

The Preliminary Award Announcements will be posted in December 2021. The delegation of authority to the EMD Director or designee will expedite the submittal process to meet the application deadline.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The grant will enhance the Operational Area's ability to develop plans, build infrastructure and educate residents and businesses requiring evacuation due to wildfires.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 21-200 Authorization to apply for CSFC Wildfire Evacuation Planning and **Development Grant Program**

10/26/2021 Gregory J. Prianos, Director County Counsel

10/26/2021

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE WILDFIRE EVACUATION PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM RECEIVED FROM THE CALIFORNIA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (CFSC)

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside (Board) desires to give the Emergency Management Department responsibility for management and administration of funds and projects related to the Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program from the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), a non-profit corporation; and

WHEREAS, the CFSC Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program is fully funded by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE); and

WHEREAS, the Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program provides funding up to \$380,000, for the period December 2021 through April 2023, to county subgrantees completing wildfire evacuation route projects, including evacuation route planning, implementation, public education, construction, and other related activities that enhance evacuation of citizens in the event of encroaching wildfire; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., in the meeting room of the Board of Supervisors located on the 1st floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California, as follows:

1. The Director of EMD, or designee, is authorized to submit a notice of intent and apply for CFSC Wildfire Evacuation Planning and Development Grant Program on behalf of the County of Riverside. This authority shall include signature of necessary grant application documents and related documents required to secure the grant for the County. Any grant awarded shall be brought to the Board

of Supervisors for acceptance. All agreements and amendments shall be approved as to form by County 1 Counsel. 2 2. The Director of EMD, or designee, shall administer Wildfire Evacuation and Development 3 Grant Program funds and sign all certifications, assurances, exhibits, reports or similar documents made 4 or required under the grant program. 5 This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. 3. 6 7 8 9 10 ROLL CALL: Ayes: Spiegel, Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Hewitt 11 Nays: None Absent: None 12 Abstained: 13 14 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth. 15 16 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28