

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



ITEM: 3.13
(ID # 18228)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, February 08, 2022

FROM : FIRE DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT: Authorization to Apply for Department of Homeland Security FY 2021 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program; [All Districts] [up to \$1.5 Million available] 95% Federal Funds, 5% Local Match

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Authorize Riverside County Fire Department to apply for the FY 2021 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program


ACTION:


Bill Weiser, Fire Department Chief 1/21/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel seconded by Supervisor Perez 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: February 8, 2022
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: 95% Federal Funds and 5% Local Match			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 22/23	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) focus on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The FP&S Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, national, regional, state, local, tribal and non-profit organizations such as academic (e.g., universities), public health, occupational health, and injury prevention institutions for fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development such as clinical studies that address behavioral, social science, and cultural research.

The FP&S Activity is designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are:

- Community Risk Reduction
- Wildfire Risk Reduction
- Code Enforcement/Awareness
- Fire & Arson Investigation
- National/State/Regional Programs and Project

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-30, the Department is requesting authorization to apply for a grant in the amount not to exceed \$1.5 million with the maximum 5% local match of up to \$75,000 allocated from the departments operating budget. The application deadline is February 18, 2022 and the projected period of performance for awarded grants is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

The Fire Departments grant request will include funding for operational and safety equipment for fire and arson investigation response and to enhance the public safety education programs provided by the Department. If awarded, the grant funding will enhance our dedication to protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire related hazards in the unincorporated area.

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The FP&S Program has awarded approximately \$770 million in grant funding to provide critically needed resources to strengthen community fire prevention programs and enable scientific research on innovations that improve firefighter safety, health, and wellness.

If the Fire Department is awarded funding, we will seek acceptance of the award from the Board of Supervisors.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

These funds will be dedicated to protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire related hazards in Riverside County with a direct focus on arson and prevention education.

Additional Fiscal Information

The FP&S program requires a 5% cost share match, which will be covered by funds budgeted for in the department's operating activities. There is no general fund request.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

On September 13, 2019, the department was awarded \$547,107 in AFG Federal funding, with a match amount of \$82,066, to purchase and install Source Capture Exhaust Systems (SCES) in multiple Riverside County owned and operated fire stations in order to address the risks posed by exposure to diesel fumes as well as to purchase much needed extrication equipment for traffic collision response calls. The Board of Supervisors action on March 17, 2020 (MO#3-09) authorized the acceptance of the grant and the terms of the grant have been met and are currently being closed out with final invoicing, all funds expended.

On June 23, 2017, the department was awarded \$364,375 to purchase ruggedized tables for several medic apparatuses in support of our Electronic Patient Care Reports (EPCR) program. The Board of Supervisors action on August 29, 2017 (MO#3-67) authorized the acceptance of the grant and the terms of the grant have been satisfied.

On July 6, 2015, the department was awarded \$193,360 in AFG funding to purchase four (4) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus fill stations. The Board of Supervisors action on August 18, 2015 (MO#3-33) authorized the acceptance of the grant and the terms of the grant were satisfied.



Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer

2/2/2022