



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Date: May 23, 2017

Subject: 2017 Cal Fire Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to apply for and accept the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, for the purchase of equipment for the reserve firefighter program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

50% Federal; 50% local agency match requirement. Invoices for purchases must be submitted by June 30, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

The VFA Grant Program provides funding to organize, train, and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to prevent and suppress fires threatening life, resources, and other improvements. Cost-share funds will be awarded to local governments to provide assistance to rural areas in upgrading their capability to organize, train, and equip local forces for fire protection. Requests will be considered for communications, wildland firefighting equipment, structural firefighting equipment, wildland firefighting safety, structural firefighting safety, and training.

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (District) has an on-call reserve firefighting program operating out of Fire Station 19 in Briones.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/23/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, Director
Candace Andersen,
Director
Diane Burgis, Director
Karen Mitchoff, Director
Federal D. Glover, Director

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 23, 2017

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Reserve firefighters provide fire prevention, fire suppression, and medical support to the Briones Valley area. Additionally, reserves can be expected to respond to major incidents within the District to provide staffing and support for on-scene firefighters. The District will apply for wildland personal protective equipment (PPE) such as helmets, goggles, shrouds, jackets, pants, boots, shelters, wildland packs, face masks, gear bags, radios, pagers, and a basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) airway and trauma bag.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District will not be able to take advantage of this funding opportunity to purchase equipment for the reserve firefighter program.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.