



**Contra
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County**

To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 From: Lewis T. Broschard III, Chief, Contra Costa Fire Protection District
 Date: February 7, 2023

Subject: FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant - Heavy Rescue

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to apply for and accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the purchase of a heavy rescue response vehicle.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant application would not exceed \$2,000,000 with a 10% local agency cost sharing requirement. The federal share of the grant would be \$1,800,000 and the District's share would be \$200,000. The grant award may be lower than the amount requested.

BACKGROUND:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program objectives are to provide critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel, enhance efficiencies and support community resilience.

Acquiring a heavy rescue apparatus will enhance and advance an already thriving technical rescue program. The ability to respond with a piece of apparatus with this capability will

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/07/2023** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, Director
 Candace Andersen, Director
 Diane Burgis, Director
 Ken Carlson, 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: February 7, 2023

, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

greatly increase the options available to rescue crews. Relevant incidents range from motor vehicle collisions requiring disentanglement to responses in industrial and refining facilities located in the County.

A heavy rescue response vehicle is essentially a giant rolling tool box. It contains equipment required for confined space rescue, high angle rescue and vehicle disentanglement. In a large scale disaster such as an earthquake, this vehicle will contain equipment used for urban search and rescue in a structural collapse. According to the USGS the probability of at least one earthquake of magnitude 6.7 or larger in the San Francisco Bay Region is 72 percent, and the probability of at least one earthquake of magnitude 7.0 or larger is 51 percent. An earthquake of this magnitude has the potential to cause multiple building collapses in our jurisdiction. The heavy rescue equipment will be used to save lives in this urban search and rescue scenario.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The District would not be able to apply for this grant opportunity.