



**County Fire Department
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: May 08, 2018 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Steven Murch PHONE: 559-802-9800

SUBJECT: Authorize the submission of a grant application

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the submission of a grant application for a Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant to purchase fire suppression equipment in the amount of \$39,890.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to sign and electronically submit the grant application.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Fire Department is proposing to request grant funding from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program. The purpose of the grant request is to provide for the purchase of fire suppression equipment.

The Fire Department consists of a combination of approximately 109 paid personnel and 157 extra-help firefighters/paid-call firefighters. This combination of personnel provides Fire, EMS, and other emergency responses from twenty-seven (27) County fire stations. Each station has one paid employee on duty 24 hours a day, supported by extra-help firefighters that respond from home when their radio pagers are activated simultaneously with the station alarm system(s).

The response of extra-help firefighters to emergency incidents is dependent on good working fire suppression equipment. Proposed project list includes the

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following: Wildland hoses and related items (clamps, packs, tee valves, nozzle tips); and Wildland fire equipment (helmets, goggles, web gear, and pagers). It is critical for the health and safety of firefighters responding to wildland fires that they be properly equipped with the appropriate fire suppression equipment necessary to perform their duties. The Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant will assist the department in meeting that need.

We would like to bring the Board's attention to the following, which deviates substantively from County contract protocol:

- County must indemnify the State.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The grant request is \$39,890, with a 50/50 match funding required, \$19,945 State Funds and \$19,945 Local Funds. If awarded, the grant will be received during Fiscal Year 2018-19. Grant related expenditures and revenues will be included in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget and matching funds will be part of the Fire Department's operating budget.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative, which calls for planning and coordinating emergency preparedness and response. Approval of this request will support efforts to provide necessary emergency equipment for support personnel and first responders.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Charlie Norman
Fire Chief

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Draft Grant Application

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZE THE) Resolution No. _____
SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION)
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (VFA) PROGRAM
Agreement #7FG _____



A. DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION:

Organization Name : TULARE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Contact's First Name : STEVEN Contact's Last Name : MURCH

Street Address : 835 S. AKERS ST.

Mailing Address : 835 S. AKERS ST.

City : VISALIA County : TULARE Zip Code : 93277

State : California CAL FIRE Unit : TUU - Tulare Unit

Phone Number : (559) 802-9804 Email Address : SDMURCH@CO.TULARE.CA.US

DUNS Number : 801975702 To check to see what your DUNS number is, or to apply for one, please go to:
<https://iupdate.dnb.com/iUpdate/companylookup.htm>

B. AREA TO BE SERVED BY AWARD (Include areas covered by contract or written mutual aid agreements).

Number of Communities : 60 Area : 4,839 sq. miles Congressional District # : CA-21 & 23

Population : 397,000 Annual Budget : 17,992,247

Latitude N 36 ° 12 ' 28 " Longitude W 119 ° 20 ' 47 "

Latitude must be between 32 and 42 degrees. Longitude must be between 114 and 125 degrees. Latitude and Longitude minutes and seconds must be between 0 and 60. Use a central point in the Applicant's service area for the general area covered by the project.

All projects must have a project area.

C. ACTIVITY : Annual number of emergency incidents.

Fire : 4,619 + EMS : 7,734 + Other : 0 = TOTAL : 12,353

D. INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY (if project includes an Indian Tribal Community, please provide) :

Population : 0 Size (acres) : 0 # of structures : 0 Distance to nearest fire station (miles) : 0

CAL FIRE USE ONLY (Formula-driven)

Project Total Cost	539,889.70	TOTAL APPLICATION REQUEST (up to 50%; \$500 minimum, \$20,000 maximum)	519,944.85
AMOUNT FUNDED FOR THIS AGREEMENT			

E. Proposed Project (List individual items for funding. Please put in funding priority order):

	Type	Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Item Total
1.	Equipment - Wildland	1 1/2" WILDLAND HOSE	100	\$147.22	\$14,722.00
2.	Equipment - Wildland	1" WILDLAND HOSE	20	\$134.23	\$2,684.60
3.	Equipment - Wildland	WILDLAND HOSE CLAMP	10	\$203.51	\$2,035.10
4.	Communications	Pagers	22	\$400.00	\$8,800.00
5.	Equipment - Wildland	WILDLAND HOSE PACKS	50	\$57.00	\$2,850.00
6.	Safety - Wildland	WILDLAND HELMET	15	\$56.93	\$853.95
7.	Safety - Wildland	WILDLAND GOGGLES	15	\$15.15	\$227.25
8.	Equipment - Wildland	WILDLAND WEB GEAR	10	\$151.50	\$1,515.00
9.	Equipment - Wildland	WILDLAN HOSE TEE VALVE	10	\$93.25	\$932.50
10.	Equipment - Wildland	BALL SHUTOFF 1 1/2"	10	\$162.38	\$1,623.80
11.	Equipment - Wildland	WILDLAND NOZZLE TIP 20-60 GPM	10	\$148.25	\$1,482.50
12.	Equipment - Wildland	FUSE HOLDER FOR WEB GEAR	100	\$21.63	\$2,163.00
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F. CAL FIRE USE ONLY (Formula-Driven) PROJECT TOTAL COST	\$39,889.70
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G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 1. Briefly describe the area to be served: fire protection system, water system, equipment, facilities, staffing, hazards, etc. and purpose of proposed project. 2. How will the request(s) maintain or bring your organization into compliance with NFPA 1977 : Limited to space below.

The Tulare County Fire Department consists of a combination of one hundred and nine (109) paid fire personnel and approximately one hundred and fifty seven (157) extra-help/paid call firefighters. This combination of personnel provide, Fire Prevention and Suppression, Emergency Medical Services and other emergency responses from twenty-seven (27) County Fire Stations with thirty-four (34) Fire Engines, seventeen (17) Patrols, six (8) Water Tenders and two (2) Aerial Fire Trucks. Each Station is staffed with one (1) paid employee on duty twenty-four (24) hours a day, supported by extra-help firefighters that respond from home when their pagers are activated simultaneously with the Fire Station alarm system(s). The Tulare County Fire Department provides fire protection services to over fifty (50) communities with a population under 10,000.

Extra Help Firefighters are faced with an ever-increasing number of hazards in their work environment. It is the departments' responsibility to provide them with the necessary resources to protect them from those hazards. Due to diminishing budgets, it has been difficult to fully fund our wild land replacement program. By obtaining this grant it will allow the department to help our firefighters by not only protecting themselves but, also protecting those who entrust their well-being in the hands of the our first responders.

If awarded, this grant will directly have a positive effect on the daily operations of the Tulare County Fire Department for the following reasons:

- It will allow us to continue improving and enhancing mutual aid and cooperative agreements within the state responsibility areas.
- The replacement of the current wild land hose, nozzles, and wild land safety equipment will improve the safety and welfare of the firefighters and the citizens which they serve.
- The current communication equipment that is being utilized by the department is being phased out by the manufacturer and needs to be updated to keep up with evolving technology.
- Being a proactive and supportive administration is imperative in keeping the morale of the department employees continuously improving in a positive direction.
- This funding will also assist with a reduction in maintenance and repair costs.

In addition to the original request(s), Applicants may list alternative projects for excess or unused funds, which the State will review during the initial application process. The State will determine which of the Applicant's projects are eligible for funding if excess or unused funds become available. Upon advanced written approval by the State, the applicant may use additional/excess funding up to the contract maximum amount to purchase State approved items in listed order of priority on their application.

Deviations from the original application are considered an amendment and require prior approval before the amended expenditures can be made.

The funds will be only for those projects accomplished and/or items purchased between Agreement Approval Date and June 30, 2019. The Recipient agrees to provide CAL FIRE with itemized documentation of the Agreement project expenditures and bill CAL FIRE as soon as the project is complete, but no later than September 1, 2019.

The Recipient gives CAL FIRE or any authorized representative access to examine all records, books, papers, or documents relating to the Agreement. The Recipient shall hold harmless CAL FIRE and its employees for any liability or injury suffered through the use of property or equipment acquired under this Agreement. The applicant certifies that to the best of applicant's knowledge and belief, the data in this application is true.

I certify that the above and attached information is true and correct:

Original Signature Required: Grantee's Authorized Representative

Date Signed

Printed Name

Title

Executed on:

at

Date

City

Organization Name : TULARE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**Grant Assurances
for
Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978
Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA)**

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant named above:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance grant, of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 and has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the grant.
2. Will assure that grant funds are used only for items requested and approved in the application.
3. Assures that all wildland fire response employees (full-time, part-time or volunteer) are fully equipped with appropriate wildland fire response personal protective equipment that meets NFPA 1977, *Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting*, and are trained to a proficient level in the use of the personal protective equipment. Wildland fire suppression safety clothing and equipment includes:
 - Safety helmet
 - Goggles
 - Ear Protection
 - Fire-resistant (i.e. Nomex) hood, shroud, or equivalent face and neck protection
 - Fire-resistant (i.e. Nomex) shirt and pants
 - Gloves
 - Safety work boots
 - Wildland fire shelter
 - Communications Equipment
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business or other ties.
6. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, Executive orders, regulations, Program and Administrative requirements, policies and other requirements governing this program.
7. Will comply with USDA Forest Service Civil Rights requirements. See Forest Service Civil Rights literature [here](#).
8. Understands that failure to comply with any of the above assurances may result in suspension, termination or reduction of grant funds.

Organization Name : TULARE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

CRAFT

In compliance with NFPA 1977 and trained in the use of Wildland PPE.

Not in compliance with NFPA 1977 but applying for grant funding to purchase Wildland PPE and/or provide required training.

The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized by the above named applicant to enter into this agreement for and on behalf of the said applicant.

Printed Name of Authorized Agent :

Signature of Authorized Agent : _____

Title of Authorized Agent :

Date :

Submit this completed application electronically to: CALFIRE.Grants@fire.ca.gov In addition, print this application, sign and date and mail

to:

CAL FIRE

ATTN: Megan Esfandiary, Grants Management Unit

P.O. Box 944246

Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Hard copy must be postmarked by May 11, 2018.

Electronic copy must be submitted by May 11, 2018 at 11:59pm.