



County Fire Department county of TULARE AGENDA ITEM

ALLEN ISHIDA District One

CONNIE CONWAY
District Two

PHILLIP A. COX District Three

J. STEVEN WORTHLEY District Four

> MIKE ENNIS District Five

AGENDA	DATE:	October 30	, 2007

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of a grant from the United States Department of

Agriculture (USDA).

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Accept a grant for \$60,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- 2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the grant agreement.
- 3. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5's vote required.)

SUMMARY:

A USDA Rural Development Financial Assistance grant request has been approved in the amount of \$60,000 to assist the Tulare County Fire Department in the purchase of a Fire Patrol vehicle (mini pumper).

The grant request for this vehicle demonstrated a need in the community and surrounding areas of Earlimart for an emergency response vehicle that is more maneuverable in narrow streets and alley ways, can carry sufficient water to efficiently fight grass and other fires, and also can carry the necessary equipment to effectively provide care for medical emergencies. Locating this vehicle in Earlimart also provides additional emergency response capability to the Highway 99 corridor and to the communities of Alpaugh and Richgrove.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The purchase of a Fire Patrol vehicle (mini pumper) is approved in the FY 2007/08 budget. Grant funds will supplement the purchase of this already approved vehicle. No change to the General Fund.

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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This action helps provide for the safety and security of the public by providing an additional capability for emergency response within the County. This will serve to enhance coordinated County emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to approve acceptance of this grant. The Fire Department would then need to fund the vehicle purchase entirely from the Fire Department budget.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

Auditor/Controller to process attached AUD 308 budget adjustment form to recognize grant revenues and establish fixed asset line. Grant agreement approved as to form by County Counsel.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Name: Steve Sunderland

Title: Fire Chief

c: Auditor/Controller **County Counsel** County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment A – USDA Grant Agreement

Attachment B - AUD 308

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTOF AGRICULTURE GRANT	OF) T) RESOLUTION NO
	OR, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR	_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN O	FFICIAL MEETING HELD
, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:	
ATTEST:	JEAN ROUSSEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY:	Deputy Clerk
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