



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness & Response division, recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District to apply on behalf of El Dorado County for the 2021 California Fire Safe Council County Coordinators Grant Project, which aims to educate, encourage, and develop county-wide collaboration and coordination among various wildfire mitigation groups operating within counties containing State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands.

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), in partnership with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), has released the County Coordinators Grant Program to assist counties with wildfire mitigation outreach and coordination. The objective of the County Coordinators Grant is to educate, encourage, and develop county-wide collaboration and coordination among various wildfire mitigation groups operating within counties containing State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands. Up to 24 counties will receive a one-time grant of \$175,000 to be used to cover administrative costs relevant to county-wide coordination efforts, including but not limited to the salary, support, and administrative costs for a designated County Coordinator.

Priority will be given to counties with a high percentage of Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and a higher proportion of disadvantaged and/or low-income communities. Counties may choose to direct the application process and funds to the non-profit or public agency that they feel are best equipped to execute the project. In this case, the Chief Administrative Office, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness & Response division (CAO-EMS/EP), is recommending that the Board of Supervisors direct the application process to the El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District (RCD) as the subrecipient of this grant on behalf of the County. Over many years, the RCD has demonstrated the ability to leverage resources and has a proven record of collaboration and successful project implementation. The CAO-EMS/EP division believes the RCD is the agency best positioned to apply for and manage the work of this grant.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to sign the letter of support.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approved as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the County to issue the letter of support.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Obtain the Chair's signature on the letter. Return to CAO-Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness & Response Division for distribution.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Public Safety, Healthy Communities

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