



# MENDOCINO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

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County of Mendocino  
501 Low Gap Road  
Ukiah, CA 95482

RE: Operational Funding Request for Mendocino County Fire Safe Council - FY 19/20 (\$100K)

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council (MCFSC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with the mission to inform, empower, and mobilize County residents to survive and thrive in wildfire prone environments. We are the County's partner to ensure residents' preparedness. The MCFSC provides information, education, fire professional networks, and grant funding resources that enable neighborhoods to collectively act to protect people, property and the environment.


In fiscal year 2018, MCFSC leveraged \$25,000 from the County to make significant progress on the operations and services provided to county residents. County funding allowed the MCFSC to reorganize and improve our operations, increase our education and outreach, and support project planning and implementation. See our FY2018 Accomplishments on page 2.

For this upcoming fiscal year 2019, our budget request is \$100K in order to accommodate the increased demand in FSC services. (For example, 19 new FSCs are under development in the Anderson Valley area alone.) Our goal is to restructure the FSC to be able to support *hundreds* of FSCs, reaching all of Mendocino County residents, without increasing administrative costs, through literature, website automation, and a self-sustaining business strategy.

The MCFSC operates under the fiscal sponsorship of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD). The MCRCD can no longer afford to subsidize the FSC, so we are developing strategies to enable the Fire Safe Council to regain its independence. We will have a long-term sustainment strategy in order to reliably provide continuous fire safety services to our County residents well into the future.

County based funding is necessary to begin these activities and all our plans align with County objectives and planning documents as shown by the MCFSC FY2019 Plans on page 3.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

  
Megan McCluer  
Executive Director



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## FY2018 Accomplishments

### Operations

- ✓ Hired part-time Program Coordinator with Fire Preparedness and community organizing education and experience, providing increased support for County residents and local FSCs.
- ✓ Newly installed Board of Directors representing a wide range of County interests
- ✓ New Organizational Chart clarifying roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Formalized Technical Advisory Group of professional network
- ✓ Distributed over 250 "Reflect to Protect" address signs
- ✓ Reactivation of Membership, Volunteer participation, and subcommittees

### Education/Outreach

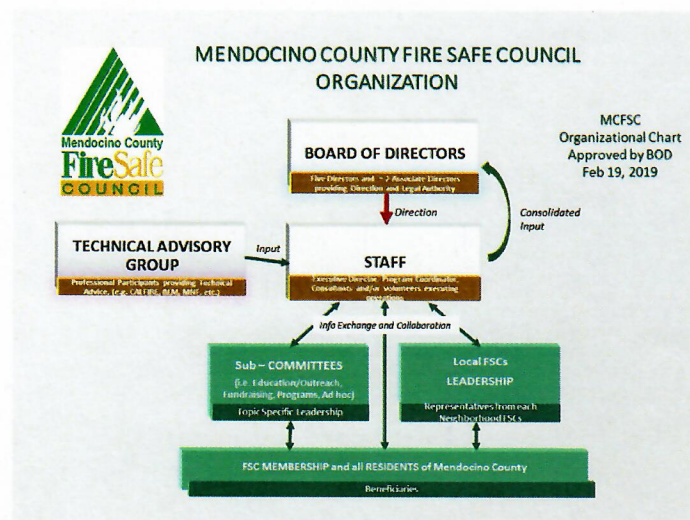
- ✓ Increased frequency of FSC meetings
- ✓ Participation in numerous neighborhood FSCs meetings, workshops, expos
- ✓ Four radio interviews and over 10 newspaper articles
- ✓ Updated website content

### Project Planning (Grants applied, or collaborated on application)

- ✓ Community Chipper Program (\$1.4M)
- ✓ Willits Fuels Reduction (\$1.8M)
- ✓ Western Hills Fuel Break and Vegetation Management (1.65M)
- ✓ Hazardous Tree Removal in Mendo Complex Fire Footprint (\$990K)
- ✓ Home Ignition Workshop (\$10K)
- ✓ Business Plan for long-term sustainment strategy (\$12K)

### Project Implementation (Awarded grants, w/ FSC participation)

- ✓ Completed - PG&E Fuels Management Grant (\$80K)
- ✓ Started - California Climate Investment Forest Health Grant (\$1.9M)
- ✓ Underway - Fire Adapted Communities in the Navarro River Watershed (\$93K)
- ✓ Starting soon – FEMA Ignition Resistant Construction (\$2.25M)
- ✓ Starting soon - Hazardous Tree Removal in Redwood Complex Fire Footprint (\$950K)
- ✓ Starting soon – Business Plan for long-term sustainment (\$8K)







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## FY2019 PLANS

FY2019 – 2020 Program & Objectives	County Organization Planning Goals	County Funding	Projects / Deliverables
<b><u>Operations</u></b>  Grow and improve organizational capacities and functions, to increase support for County in fire preparedness activities.	<b>Mendocino County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (MC CWPP):</b> <i>Ch 1, Ch 3 Sec II, Ch 3 App B</i> <b>Redwood Complex Fire Recovery Work Plan (RCFRWP):</b> <i>Recover Support Function (RSF) 1 Community Planning and Capacity Building</i> <b>General Plan:</b> 2-3a, 2-3f, 3-13, 3-14	\$80,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Technical Advisory Group Memorandum of Agreement</li> <li>• Update Non-Profit Bylaws</li> <li>• Develop new membership benefits</li> <li>• Host special events and generate topic-specific information</li> <li>• Create full-time coordinator position, expanding public access to FSC services</li> <li>• Allow MFCSC to operate more independently of the MCRCD, so as to be less of a burden on RCD resources</li> </ul>
<b><u>Education and Outreach</u></b>  Educate residents and organize communities for fire preparedness, thereby improving outcomes and reducing demand on first responders.	<b>MC CWPP:</b> <i>Ch 3 App B; Ch 3 App C; : Ch 3 App D</i> <b>RCFRWP:</b> <i>RSF 1 Comm Planning and Capacity, RSF 2 Community Emergency Preparedness, RSF 3 Natural Systems and Cultural Resources</i> <b>General Plan:</b> 2-3a, 2-3f	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve website with a wide range of fire-preparedness resources</li> <li>• Develop Calendar of Events highlighting numerous FSC meetings, workshops and events</li> <li>• Facilitate active subcommittee dedicated to education and outreach</li> <li>• Update "Living with Wildfire" magazine for Mendocino County</li> <li>• Grow the number of neighborhood FSCs</li> </ul>
<b><u>Project Planning</u></b>  Create plans and pursue funding for fire preparedness projects in areas prioritized in planning documents.	<b>MC CWPP:</b> <i>Ch 3 App A, Ch 3 App B, Ch 3 App C</i> <b>RCFRWP:</b> <i>RSF 2 Comm Emergency Prep, RSF 3 Nat and Cultural Resources</i> <b>General Plan:</b> 2-1, 3-13, 3-14	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop fuel management and fire preparedness projects and submit grant applications</li> <li>• Coordinate with neighborhood FSCs for project needs</li> <li>• Expand services to reach countywide, including underserved communities</li> </ul>
<b><u>Project Implementation</u></b>  Complete home hardening, fuels management and fire recovery projects, and produce a well-developed plan for a self-sustaining fuels management program.	<b>MC CWPP:</b> <i>Ch 3 App A, Ch 3 App B, Ch 3 App C</i> <b>RCFRWP:</b> <i>RSF 2, Comm Emergency Prep, RSF 3 Nat and Cultural Resources</i> <b>General Plan:</b> 2-1, 2-2a 2-2b, 3-13, 3-14	\$0	Funded grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FEMA Fire-Resistant construction</li> <li>• CAL FIRE CCI Phase I and Phase II</li> <li>• Hazardous Tree Removal</li> <li>• MCFSC Business Plan               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Create a long-term strategy for vegetation management for underserved residents and for self-sustainment of FSC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	