

June 8, 2020

Greetings Board of Supervisors,

Regarding funding for the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council — at <https://firesafemendocino.org/> — We wanted to comment here about the just-published draft County of Mendocino budget for the upcoming fiscal year proposes to reduce the County's support for us from the current \$100,000 to \$25,000/year.

The County's significant support last year powered a substantial revival of the MCFSC. We are now engaged in a number of vital fuels-reduction (such as major road clearing work in Ukiah and Brooktrails) and educational programs. We hope to continue substantially increasing our affiliated network of Neighborhood Fire Safe Councils so that they can leverage the work needed to address our mission to help all residents of Mendocino County to survive and thrive in a wildfire-prone environment.

We ask the Board of Supervisors to increase the MCFSC's funding to at least \$50,000, which would allow us to operate at a baseline level and effectively bring in other grant funding to support more fire-safety work in our community.

Thank you,
Peggy Costa
& Larry Costa