

Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Executive Office

Meeting Date: July 20, 2021

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Item Type: Consent Agenda **Time Allocated for Item**: n/a

Agenda Title:

Approval of Letter of Support to the California Fire Safe Council Authorizing Mendocino County Fire Safe Council to Apply for the One-Time Allocation in the Amount of \$175,000 from the 2021 California Fire Safe Council County Coordinators Grant Project on Behalf of Mendocino County

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve letter of support to the California Fire Safe Council authorizing Mendocino County Fire Safe Council to apply for one-time allocation in the amount of \$175,000 from the 2021 California Fire Safe Council County Coordinators Grant Project on behalf of Mendocino County; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

No previous board action.

Summary of Request:

The 2021 County Coordinators Grant Program is a one-time funding 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 allocation of \$175,000 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. The project start date is October 1, 2021 and all work is required to be completed by March 31, 2023.

Under this grant, Counties and their Coordinators will work closely with the California Fire Safe Council's existing Regional Coordinators to:

- 1) Build a census of all active wildfire mitigation groups, contact points, collaboration efforts, and projects.
- 2) Analyze gaps in county-wide wildfire resiliency and emergency preparedness and develop recommendation to fill these needs.
- 3) Develop mechanisms to improve outreach and coordination efforts, such as group formation, funding plans,

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governance structures, and state/regional/local planning efforts.

4) Provide a comprehensive final report summarizing the County Wildfire Outreach and Coordination Plans, key issues, success outcomes and gaps, and recommendations.

Only one application will be accepted per county. 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. The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council has managed numerous large and small fuel reduction projects and conducted countless public education campaigns in addition to developing and supporting 40 neighborhood fire safe councils. Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is best equipped to execute the scope of the grant program and meet project metrics and deliverables.

<u>Alternative Action/Motion:</u>

Provide direction to staff for alternative handling

Supervisorial District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/2021-county-coordinators-grant-opportunity

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: n/a budgeted in current f/y: N/A

current f/y cost: n/a if no, please describe: annual recurring cost: n/a revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: n/a

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I Final Status: Approved

Date: July 21, 2021

