



M E M O R A N D U M
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PARKS DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 30, 2021

FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works
By: Dan Fonner, Parks Superintendent

SUBJECT: Public Safety Power Shutdown Resiliency Grant / Changeable Message Boards

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Budget Amendment (AM-00449) increasing the Parks and Grounds Operating Budget (CC12015) by \$36,392 for the purchase of two changeable message boards funded by a Public Safety Power Shutdown Resiliency Grant.

Add two changeable message boards to the Master Fixed Asset List.

BACKGROUND

On November 19, 2019, your Board approved an agreement with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation. The Agreement provided \$452,333 to support County and incorporated city efforts to protect public safety, vulnerable populations and individuals and improve resiliency in response to utility-led PSPS actions.

Under this Agreement, the Parks & Grounds Division applied for, and was selected to receive \$36,392 for the purchase of two changeable message boards for use in directing the public to community services during PSPS events.

Changeable message boards are trailer mounted 12' x 6' illuminated signs that may be placed adjacent to roadways and display up to three lines of text visible to passing motorists. They may be towed and positioned by any of the full-sized pickup trucks in the existing Parks fleet.

When not in use during PSPS events, the message boards may be used for public information and safety purposes throughout the County. Uses are expected to include directions to cooling/charging stations during PSPS events, directions to community events, warning of hazards or work zones, advance notice of park closures and restrictions, and various other informational opportunities.

Purchasing these two portable message boards will improve the Parks and Grounds Division's ability to share public information in impacted areas for both emergencies of all nature and public information notifications requested of other departments or agencies.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The purchase of two changeable message boards does not constitute a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15378(b)(2).

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of the two changeable message boards is estimated to be \$39,350. The PSPS Grant will pay for \$36,392 of the purchase price with a required match by the County in the amount of \$2,958. There are sufficient funds in the FY2020-21 Parks and Grounds Operating Budget to provide the \$2,958 match.

ATTACHMENT

PSPS Resiliency Grant - Notice of Award Letter

November 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Notification of Subrecipient Allocation to Placer County - Public Works

Dear Andy Fisher:

The Placer County PSPS Resiliency Grant Committee approved your FY2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) or FY2020 Community Power (CP) Resiliency project application, "Changeable Message Boards" in the amount of \$36392. Eligible activities under this allocation are limited to:

- Equipment- Funds may be used for the procurement of:
 - Generators and generator connections for essential facilities, with an emphasis on clean energy and green solutions where possible or other alternative backup power sources;
 - Generator fuel and fuel storage; and
 - Redundant emergency communications (e.g., battery-powered radios);
 - Portable vehicle-mounted charging stations (CP Resiliency Only);
 - Portable battery-powered and rechargeable radio repeater and transmission equipment (CP Resiliency Only).
- Plans- Funds may be used for the development/update of:
 - Continuity plans;
 - Development/update of contingency plans for electrical disruptions that include considerations such as protecting individuals with access and functional needs, medical baseline and socially vulnerable populations, transportation, emergency public information, and preservation of essential functions;
 - Risk assessments for critical infrastructure and lifelines;
 - Post-event reports that identify lessons learned and corrective actions; and
- Public education materials or supplies focused on individual family preparedness for electric disruptions.
- One-time costs associated with identifying and equipping resource centers for the public to access during electrical disruptions.

The following activities are **not allowed**:

- Response costs associated with electric disruption events including any staffing or new positions, Emergency Operations Center staffing, security, law or fire response, or other overtime charges.
- These funds shall not be used to secure, compensate, or backfill professional services contracts.

All activities funded with this allocation must be completed within the Grant Subaward period performance. Additionally, the Subrecipient is subject to the following requirements:

- As a condition of receiving funding, counties will be required to collaborate with their cities within their jurisdiction to support critical infrastructure and resiliency county-wide

with a particular focus on public safety, vulnerable communities, and individuals with access and functional needs.

- Must ensure they and their principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible. <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>
- Must provide two Progress Report on the expenditures of the funds. The first report is due no later than **November 15, 2021** and the second no later than **November 15, 2022**. These Progress Report shall identify how the funds have been used, including identifying each project or activity undertaken, local entity that undertook the project or activity, the amount of funding provided to the project or activity, and a description of each project or activity. The report shall also identify the specific outcomes achieved by each project or activity, including whether the project or activity was completed and whether it was used during power outages. Please utilize the "PC PSPS-CR Resiliency Progress Report" form.
- Must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Resource Code, Section 21000 *et seq.*
- Comply with the California Public Records Act, Government Code Section 6250 *et seq.*
- Must procure goods and services in compliance with applicable state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and policies.

The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized to enter into this agreement for and on behalf of the Applicant.

Subrecipient: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____

Printed Name of Authorized Agent: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Your dated signature and above fillable information is required on this Notification of Subrecipient Allocation. Please sign and return requested information to PlacerOES@placer.ca.gov as soon as possible and keep a copy for your records. Reimbursements will not be issued until receipt. For further assistance, please email PlacerOES@placer.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Holly Powers

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Assistant Director, Placer County Office of Emergency Services

