



**MEMORANDUM
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
ADMINISTRATION**
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer
BY: Sarah Poindexter, Management Analyst II
SUBJECT: Rural Fire Capacity Program Agreements

DATE: October 26, 2021

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a Resolution approving five agreements with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the purchase of wildland firefighting equipment to be reimbursed by the Rural Fire Capacity Grant Program in amounts not to exceed \$10,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$10,000, and \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and authorize the County Executive Officer to sign the agreements. Funding match is provided by the CSA ZOB's 165, 150, 193, 06, and 76 FY 2021-2022 Budgets.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Forest Service is the national administrator of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, which awards funds to volunteer fire organizations under the Rural Fire Capacity Program (formerly the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program). Statewide, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responsible for grant approval, funds distribution, and specifying grant terms and conditions.

Placer County Fire applied for five Rural Fire Capacity grants on behalf of the following County Zones of Benefit (ZOB): Dry Creek Fire CSA 28 ZOB 165 (\$10,000), Dutch Flat Fire CSA 28 ZOB 150 (\$5,000) North Auburn/Ophir Fire CSA 28 ZOB 193 (\$10,000), Sheridan Fire CSA 28 ZOB 06 (\$10,000) and Western Placer Fire CSA 28 ZOB 76 (\$10,000). Funds received must be utilized to organize, train, and/or equip firefighters in rural areas to prevent or suppress fires.

FISCAL IMPACT

Required match funds in the total amount of \$45,000 are included in Dry Creek Fire CSA 28 ZOB 165 (\$10,000), Dutch Flat Fire CSA 28 ZOB 150 (\$5,000) North Auburn/Ophir Fire CSA 28 ZOB 193 (\$10,000), Sheridan Fire CSA 28 ZOB 06 (\$10,000) and Western Placer Fire CSA 28 ZOB 76 (\$10,000) FY 2021-2022 Budgets.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Resolution

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On File with Clerk of the Board

1. Rural Fire Capacity Program Agreements (5)
2. AD-1048 Forms (5)

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resolution No.: _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENTS 7FG21104, FG21105, 7FG21106, 7FG21107 and 7FG21108, FOR SERVICES FROM THE DATE OF LAST SIGNATORY ON PAGE 6 OF THE AGREEMENTS TO JUNE 30, 2022 UNDER THE RURAL FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM OF THE COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on October 26, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, fire protection in some of the unincorporated area of Placer County is provided by volunteer fire companies managed by Placer County Fire/ California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (PCF/ CAL FIRE); and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service, under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, awards funds through CAL FIRE to volunteer fire organizations under the Rural Fire Capacity Program which requires a 50% local match; and

WHEREAS, Placer County Fire applied for five Rural Fire Capacity grants which were subsequently approved in the total amount as follows: Dry Creek Fire ZOB 165 (\$10,000), Dutch Flat Fire ZOB 150 (\$5,000), North Auburn/Ophir Fire ZOB 193 (\$10,000), Sheridan Fire ZOB 06 (\$10,000), and Western Placer Fire ZOB 76 (\$10,000).

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California, that said Board does hereby approve the Agreements with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection dates as of the last signatory date on page 6 of the Agreements, and any amendments thereto. These Agreements provide for an award, during the term of the Agreements, under the Rural Fire Capacity Program of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 during the State Fiscal Year 2021-2022 up to and no more than the amounts of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$10,000, and \$10,000, respectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive Officer is hereby authorized to sign and execute said Agreements and any amendments on behalf of the Placer County Fire Department.