

**PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
M E M O R A N D U M**

To: **Honorable Board of Supervisors**

From: David Boesch, County Executive Officer
 by John McEldowney, Emergency Services Program Manager

Date: August 26, 2014

Subject: **Assistance to Firefighter Grant**

ACTION REQUESTED:

Accept an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$58,100 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for training and the purchase of trench rescue and confined space rescue equipment.

BACKGROUND:

The application for this grant was a collaborative effort between the Placer County Fire Department and the City of Colfax Volunteer Fire Department. The funds will be used to purchase trench rescue and confined space rescue equipment to ensure that the firefighters of Placer County Fire Department and the Colfax City Volunteer Fire Department have the equipment needed to match the level of training already obtained in these two areas. Additionally, the funds will be used to send 20 firefighters to Confined Space Rescue Technician training.

The grant award of \$58,100 requires a County match of \$5,810 which will be absorbed in the FY 2014-15 Fire Protection budget, Appn 22160. Two of the equipment items to be purchased with this grant, an equipment trailer and a pneumatic trench strut set, are fixed assets and are being added to the Master Fixed Asset List during the final budget process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Grant expenditures and revenues of \$58,100 are being added to the Fire Protection Appn 22160 as part of the final budget process. There is no General Fund impact as a result of this action.

Attachments:

Grant Award Letter



FEMA

Mr. Mike Toche
Placer County Fire Department
2970 Richardson Dr
Auburn, California 95603-3236

Re: Grant No.EMW-2013-FR-00145

Dear Mr. Toche:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), I am pleased to inform you that your grant application submitted under the FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been approved. FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), carries out the Federal responsibilities of administering your grant. The approved project costs total to \$58,100.00. The Federal share is 90 percent or \$52,290.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is 10 percent or \$5,810.00.

Before you request and receive any of the Federal Grant funds awarded to you, you must establish acceptance of the Grant and Grant Agreement Articles through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Programs' (AFG) e-grant system. Please make sure you read and understand the articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your grant award. By accepting the grant, you agree not to deviate from the approved scope of work without prior written approval, via amendment request, from FEMA. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file.

If your SF 1199A has been reviewed and approved, you will be able to request payments online. Remember, you should request funds when you have an immediate cash need.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the process to request your grant funds, please call 1-866-274-0960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian E. Kamoie".

Brian E. Kamoie
Assistant Administrator
Grant Programs Directorate

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