
MEMORANDUM

To: East Contra Costa Fire Protection District
From: Townsend Public Affairs
Date: November 7, 2019
Subject: Grants Monthly Report for East Contra Costa Fire Protection District—October 2019

This memorandum is an updated overview of the current funding opportunities submitted and in progress.

CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant

CAL FIRE's Fire Prevention Grants Program (FP) provides funding for local projects and activities that address the risk of wildfire and reduce wildfire potential to forested and forest adjacent communities. Funded activities include: hazardous fuel reduction, fire planning, and fire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This program is funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) – projects must demonstrate that they will achieve and maintain a net reduction in GHG emissions calculated using the most up to date version of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Quantification Methodology for the Urban and Community Forestry Program.

TPA worked with staff to discuss competitive project ideas. After discussing fuel reduction ideas and reimbursement requirements it was decided to forgo pursuing this grant at this time.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

FEMA Firefighter grants program officers are indicating that their three firefighting grant programs (Assistance for Firefighters (AFG), Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER), and Fire Protection & Safety (FP&S) will be opening in the coming months. AFG will likely open in early to mid-December 2019, followed by SAFER and FP&S between February and May 2020. Now is the time to prepare project ideas and data for all three applications.

FEMA has finished announcing AFG awards and unfortunately the District was not awarded. On November 8, 2019 TPA and District staff will take part in a call with FEMA program staff for a debrief of the applications submitted that were not awarded. Program staff goes over each section of each application. This information will be helpful as the new rounds of FEMA grants are expected to open in December.

The applications the District submitted are:

Assistance to Firefighters

TPA worked with District staff to prepare two applications that will meet the high priorities of the agency. The first was a regional application. If awarded, ECCFPD and ConFire would purchase a total of 21 sauna units. This request also aligns with AFG's high programmatic priority for the purchase of responder rehab equipment.

The second application is to replace the district's 15 current portable radios. If awarded, ECCFPD would replace its existing set with new, state-of-the-art, fully-functioning portable radios. This purchase would directly enhance responder safety and improve ECCFPD's ability to protect life and property in the region.

Applications were submitted on October 25, 2018

Fire Prevention and Safety

On November 11, 2018, FEMA released the funding opportunity for the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program. TPA worked the Chief Macumber to resubmit an application to include additional information pertaining to the efforts that were undertaken this past year in regard to the strategic plan and the recruitment of a fire marshal.

The grant application was submitted on December 22, 2018.

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