



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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DATE: October 24, 2024
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a grant from the Bureau of Land Management, in the amount of up to \$767,939.33, to fund hazard fuels mitigation in the East Washoe Valley. (Commission District 2) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept a grant from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in an amount of up to \$767,939.33, to fund hazard fuels mitigation in the East Washoe Valley.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The federal grant Notice of Award was announced in the Fire Chief's comments at the October 1st Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

BACKGROUND

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), along with the Carson City Fire Department (CCFD), submitted a joint grant application to the BLM Fuels Management and Community Fire Assistance Program. The BLM Community Fire Assistance Program has awarded TMFPD, as the Primary Grantee, a grant for a hazard fuels reduction project encompassing East Washoe Valley and North Carson City with a total grant term of 5 years (09/24/2024-09/23/2029). The total amount approved for the five-year term is anticipated at \$2,043,344.98 with \$1,433,359.88 specifically allocated to TMFPD jurisdictions. The approved scope of work centers around private defensible space improvements in both TMFPD and CCFD jurisdictions. TMFPD, as the primary grantee will, if approved, administer a sub-award amount to CCFD (See additional agenda item).

The grant type is a cooperative agreement that establishes a funding pathway from the BLM to TMFPD as long as grant terms are met for qualifying expenditures. The initial Funding of \$767,939.33 supports the first two (2) years of work (Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and Fiscal Years 2025-2026). This amount also includes the sub-award Grant award of \$227,957 to CCFD.

Along with Senator Cortez-Masto, Senator Rosen, and Congressman Amodei's invaluable national support for this project, the success of the TMFPD grant award is due to our cross-department collaboration, which allows for contiguous fuel treatments across jurisdictions. Additionally, fires affecting our jurisdictions typically burn south to north, and mitigation actions to the south benefit TMFPD interests.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total costs to provide the hazard fuels reduction services under the terms of the grant are up to \$767,939.33 over a five-year period. Current staffing and will provide the personnel and indirect costs of \$431,754.14 under this grant award. These costs to provide the services will remain within the Fiscal Year 2025-2030 budgets. The other and contractual costs of \$336,185.19 will be included in a resolution to amend the general fund to be included in the December budget amendment/augmentation. If total federal expenditures exceed \$750,000 in one fiscal year, the District may incur additional audit costs. If this occurs, the District will include those costs in the subsequent fiscal year's budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board accept a grant from the Bureau of Land Management, in the amount of up to \$767,939.33, to fund hazard fuels mitigation in the East Washoe Valley and, if approved, direct staff to make necessary budget adjustments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the Board agrees with Staff's recommendation a possible motion can be:

"I move to accept a grant from the Bureau of Land Management, in the amount of up to \$767,939.33, to fund hazard fuels mitigation in the East Washoe Valley."