



## TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

**Board Meeting Date: November 12, 2024**

**DATE:** October 24, 2024

**TO:** Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a Subaward Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Carson City Fire Department for funding from a Bureau of Land Management Community Fire Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$227,957 to fund hazard fuels mitigation in North Carson City and, if approved, direct staff to make necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

Recommendation to approve a Subaward Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) and Carson City Fire Department (CCFD) for funding from a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Community Fire Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$227,957 to fund hazard fuels mitigation in North Carson City and, if approved, direct staff to make necessary budget adjustments

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

November 12, 2024, the Board of Fire Commissioners is set to hear and approve a recommendation to accept a grant from the BLM, 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

### **BACKGROUND**

TMFPD, along with the 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, is seeking approval to administer a sub-award amount to CCFD in the amount of \$227,957.

This sub-grant award will benefit not only CCFD, but TMFPD as well due to connecting fire districts and aligned interests. Both jurisdictions abut federal land on the south end of the Virginia Mountain Range. Our application, with intent to mitigate fire hazard and spread potential, on adjacent private land, supports Bureau of Land Management strategic plan goals to “Conserve, Protect, Manage, and Restore Natural Cultural Resources in the Face of Climate Change and Other Stressors”, “Species, Habitats, and Ecosystems Are Protected, Sustained, and Healthy” and DOI-managed lands have a reduced risk from wildfire”.

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**

Estimated costs for the subgrant award are \$111,476 in year one and \$116,481 in year two. FY24/25 estimated costs of the subgrant will be included as part of the amendment of the General Fund FY24/25 budget to be presented in December 2024 to the Board of Fire commissioners if the grant from BLM is approved in the previous agenda item (Item #15).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend that the Board approve the subaward agreement with Carson City Fire Department for grant funding from the BLM Community Fire Assistance Program funds, up to \$227,957, to fund hazard fuels mitigation in the North Carson City 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 approve a federal grant subaward agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Carson City Fire Department in an amount of up to \$227,957, to fund hazard fuels mitigation in North Carson City and, if approved, direct staff to make necessary budget adjustments.”*