

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of: September 10, 2014

To: Board of Directors
From: Mark Mills, Fire Chief
Subject: Resolution 14-09

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves Resolution 14-09 approving the acceptance and funding of the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for 2014-15.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal FIRE) was given the responsibility by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to administer the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, and was authorized to make awards on a matching basis to public entities such as cities, counties, special districts and volunteer fire departments.

The Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program is a Federally-funded grant program that allows California to provide local and rural fire departments with minimal firefighting, training, communications and safety equipment for their volunteer firefighters. The VFA Program is not intended for major equipment (fire engines, vehicles, etc.) or Capital repairs. The VFA Program has a 50/50 match requirement which means that the applying department must be able to meet the intended grant award, dollar for dollar. Awards for departments are set at a minimum of \$500 with a maximum of \$20,000. Awards are provided on a reimbursable basis. Recipients must complete the approved award project(s) using local funds and then bill Cal FIRE in accordance with the award agreement in order to receive the award funds.

DISCUSSION:

As discussed at the July Board meeting, the department will be participating in mutual aid assignments on a more frequent basis and new equipment will be needed going forward. Staff applied for \$17,010 worth of wildland fire personal protective equipment. The equipment for the award includes wildland jackets, pants, shirts, boots and goggles.

AGENDA ITEM # 7
Date 9/10/14

FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon approval of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from FEMA, the department has \$216,708 in undesignated reserves. Staff recommends utilizing the undesignated reserve funds for the matching 50% of \$8,505. This will leave \$208,203 in the reserve account.

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RESOLUTION 14-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT #7FG14042 FOR SERVICES FROM THE DATE OF LAST SIGNATORY ON PAGE 6 OF THE AGREEMENT TO JUNE 30, 2015 UNDER THE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Fire Department that the said Board does hereby approve the Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection dated as the last signatory date on page 6 of the Agreement, and any amendments thereto. This Agreement provides for an award, during the term of this Agreement, under the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program of the Cooperative Fire Assistance Act of 1978 during the State Fiscal Year 2014-15 up to and no more than the amount of \$8,505.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carla Small, President of said Board be and hereby is authorized to sign and execute said Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the Ross Valley Fire Department.

Signature, Board of Directors member

Printed Name and Title

---CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION---

ATTEST:

I do hereby certify that the above Resolution 14-09 is a true and correct copy as passed by the Ross Valley Fire Board on September 10, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

WITNESS MY HAND OR THE SEAL OF THE ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, on this 10th day of September, 2014.

Carla Small, President

JoAnne Lewis, Administrative Assistant