

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of: September 12, 2018

To: Board of Directors
From: Dan Mahoney, Battalion Chief
Subject: Resolution 18-07

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopts Resolution 18-07 approving the acceptance and funding of the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant for 2018-19.

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 firefighters. 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. 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:

Department Staff applied for \$19,988 worth of wildland fire tools, hose, and communications equipment. Due to an increase in applications and reduced funding, the Department was awarded to \$8,800 for communications equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department is responsible for \$4,400 of the amount that was received. The FY 18/19 Budget Account 01.10.63135 Grant Expense – VFA Equipment was adopted with \$20,000 budgeted. The communications equipment will be purchased from this account.

AGENDA ITEM # 3F
Date 9/12/18

ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 18-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT #7FG18091 FOR SERVICES FROM THE DATE OF LAST SIGNATORY ON PAGE 6 OF THE AGREEMENT TO JUNE 30, 2019 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 2018-19 up to and no more than the amount of \$4,400.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Elizabeth Brekhus, 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.

Board of Directors

Elizabeth Brekhus, President

---CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION---

ATTEST:

I do hereby certify that the above Resolution 18-07 is a true and correct copy as passed by the Ross Valley Fire Board on September 12, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

WITNESS MY HAND OR THE SEAL OF THE ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, on this 12th day of September, 2018.

JoAnne Lewis, Administrative Assistant