MEMORANDUM

To: East Contra Costa Fire Protection District
From: Townsend Public Affairs
Date: December 7, 2018
Subject: Grants Monthly Report for East Contra Costa Fire Protection District—November 2018

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

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Fire Prevention and Safety
On November 11, 2018, FEMA released the funding opportunity for the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program. The FP&S Grant Program provides financial assistance to support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations.

A narrative and detailed quotes are being prepared to address the comments that were received by officials from FEMA regarding the District’s Fiscal Year 2017 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) application for funds to conduct a community risk assessment. Zac Commins of TPA met with Battalion Chief Ross Macumber to outline a strategy to prepare a competitive grant application prior to the due date. The items discussed were:

- The search for a new Fire Marshal illustrates the District’s commitment to fire prevention and community risk reduction
  - A risk assessment would equip this Fire Marshal with the tools to succeed
  - The District’s strategic planning initiatives will be included to strengthen the narrative
- Other potential vulnerabilities identified:
  - Flooding in Bethel Island (lots of levees, mudslides, extended rain)
  - Distance to closest trauma center (Walnut Creek)
  - Homelessness
    - City of Oakley recently declared state of emergency
    - City of Brentwood is the only city in East Contra Costa County that has not declared state of emergency

Grant applications are due Friday December 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.