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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** East Contra Costa Fire Protection District  
**From:** Townsend Public Affairs  
**Date:** January 3, 2019  
**Subject:** Grants Monthly Report for East Contra Costa Fire Protection District— December 2018

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

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Currently the District has 3 grant applications into FEMA.

Assistance to Firefighters

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant program opened on September 24, 2018. The AFG program provides financial assistance to help fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTAs) for critically needed resources to protect the public, to train emergency personnel, and to foster interoperability and support community resilience. It also aims to enhance the safety of the public and to provide a continuum of support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all hazard events.

TPA worked with District staff to prepare two applications that will meet the high priorities of the agency. The first was a regional application where the District partnered with Contra Costa Fire District to submit an application that could be mutually beneficial and be viewed as more competitive. If awarded, ECCFPD and ConFire would purchase a total of 21 sauna units. This purchase would help reduce the risk of cancer for ECCFPD and ConFire personnel and support their ability to protect lives and property in the region. This request also aligns with AFG's high programmatic priority for the purchase of responder rehab equipment.

The second application is to replace the district's 15 current portable radios that are now obsolete, and the radio manufacturer no longer makes replacement parts for these models. If awarded, ECCFPD would replace its existing set with new, state-of-the-art, fully-functioning portable radios. These new radios would help ECCFPD comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards 1221 and 1561, and have Project 25 (P25) compatibility, both of which are high AFG priorities. This purchase would directly enhance responder safety and improve ECCFPD's ability to protect life and property in the region.

Applications were submitted on October 25, 2018

### 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.

The District submitted a Fiscal Year 2017 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) application for funds to conduct a community risk assessment. That application was unsuccessful however FEMA did provide a detailed debrief with TPA and district staff to go over scoring of the application. As a result, TPA worked the Chief Macumber to resubmit an application to include additional information pertaining to the efforts that were undertaken this past year in regard to the strategic plan and the recruitment of a fire marshal.

The grant application was submitted on December 22, 2018.

### **OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY**

The Office of Traffic Safety administers traffic safety grants while fostering partnerships to deliver innovative programs that reduce traffic deaths, injuries, and economic losses. The Office of Traffic Safety has identified ten priority areas of concentration for grant funding including:

- **Emergency Medical Services:** The program goal is to ensure that persons involved in motor vehicle collisions receive rapid and appropriate medical treatment through a coordinated system of emergency medical care.

TPA is currently working with district staff to make a determination of what equipment to seek funding for.

Grant applications are due on January 30, 2019.

