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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** East Contra Costa Fire Protection District  
**From:** Townsend Public Affairs  
**Date:** September 5, 2019  
**Subject:** Grants Monthly Report for East Contra Costa Fire Protection District—August 2019

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

**CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION**

Wildfire Outreach Grant

The California Fire Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect. Formed in 1987 by California Professional Firefighters, the California Fire Foundation's mandate includes an array of survivor and victim assistance projects and community initiatives

This program will offer awards in the \$15,000 range to support firefighters throughout California prepare for, prevent and mitigate climate change driven natural disasters through education and outreach. TPA and District staff worked to prepare and submit a grant application that would create an educational campaign regarding defensible space in the District's most vulnerable areas.

**Application was submitted on July 15, 2019. On August 29, the District received notification that the grant has been awarded.**

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Currently the District has 3 grant applications into FEMA. Due to the government shutdown, FEMA is still in the process reviewing grant applications. After a long delay, it appears that FEMA is preparing to make announcement for the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant program. Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) would follow shortly there afterward. The applications the District has submitted are:

Assistance to Firefighters

TPA worked with District staff to prepare two applications that will meet the high priorities of the agency. The first was a regional application. If awarded, ECCFPD and ConFire would purchase

a total of 21 sauna units. 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. If awarded, ECCFPD would replace its existing set with new, state-of-the-art, fully-functioning portable radios. 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

**FEMA began making award announcements on August 29, 2019 for the Assistance to Firefighters Program. For at least the next four weeks, we can expect FEMA to make award announcements every Friday. TPA will continue to monitor the award announcements.**

#### Fire Prevention and Safety

On November 11, 2018, FEMA released the funding opportunity for the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program. 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.

**Shortly after the final announcements are made for the AFG grant application it is expected they will begin announcing awards for the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants. We anticipate to receive notification before the end of the year.**

