
M E M O R A N D U M

To: East Contra Costa Fire Protection District
From: Townsend Public Affairs
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Subject: Grants Monthly Report for East Contra Costa Fire Protection District— July 2020

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

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Currently the District has four grant applications that have been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and we are awaiting a decision from agency on awards for each program. Below is a summary of what has been submitted.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is the grant programs focused on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critical training and equipment.

TPA and District staff prepared and submitted an application prior to the March 20 deadline that will fund an aerial apparatus.

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)

The FEMA SAFER grant program assists local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. TPA and District staff prepared an application that would fund six (6) firefighters.

The deadline for applications was originally May 15, 2020 but was pushed to May 22 to allow for more time. Awards will be for a maximum of three years of new salaries. There is a 38% match over three years for salaries.

Assistance to Firefighters – COVID-19 Supplemental

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) is a supplemental funding opportunity under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). Activities under this solicitation are limited to the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and supplies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

TPA and staff worked to submit an application by the due date of May 15. FEMA continues to slowly make award announcements and TPA is monitoring this closely.

Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant program is focused on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The FP&S grant program accomplishes this by assisting fire prevention programs and supporting firefighter health and safety research and development. TPA and District staff prepared an application that would fund a fire safety trailer. The trailer will allow the District to increase community home fire safety education activities and target specific audiences.

The application was submitted on May 29.

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Public Assistance Program

Under California's major disaster declaration (DR-4482), the District is eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance program. Under this program, certain protective measures that eligible applicants have taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials' may be eligible for reimbursement with a 75% federal share and 25% local share.

The original deadline of April 17 has been extended due to the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing major disaster. TPA and District staff continue to work with the Office of Emergency Services, who are administering the program, to submit the appropriate paperwork. The grant application will close 30 days after the emergency period closes.

California Fire Foundation

Fire Relief and Prevention Grant

The California Fire Foundation offers grant opportunities available to fire departments, firefighter associations and community organizations serving the residents of California to address tragic events such as wildfires, floods, and climate-caused disasters. The grant will fund up to \$15,000 for personal protective equipment, specialized firefighting equipment, fuel mitigation, first responder training, fire safety and prevention education, and planning and outreach programs.

TPA is preparing and submitted an application that would fund the purchase of twelve (12) thermal imaging cameras prior to the July 15, 2020 application deadline.

