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AGENDA DATE: Wednesday, June 24, 2009
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: County Administration
PRESENTED BY: Christine Moody, Sr. Management Analyst
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: In the Matter of Approving Projects Submitted under Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program, P.L. 110-343 for Fiscal Year 09-10

I. MOTION

Move approval of projects submitted under Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program, P.L. 110-343 for Fiscal Year 09-10

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program, of P.L. 110-343 requires that projects funded under Title III meet the criteria of three (3) allowable as follows:

1. Activities under the Firewise Community Programs
2. Search & Rescue and other Emergency Services on Federal forest lands
3. Develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans

Prior to award of funding for Title III projects, there is a requirement that a 45 day public notice be published. The publication for the FY 09-10 projects occurred in the Register Guard newspaper on Monday, January 26, 2008, and expired on March 12, 2009.

Two additional project applications were received. One was for the FY 09-10 year and is attached for Board review and consideration for funding as discussed under the Analysis section below.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed and awarded projects for FY 08-09 in Board Order 09-2-18-7.

B. Policy Issues

It is necessary to approve projects for FY 09-10 so that funds can be awarded and services can begin as soon as applicable.

C. Board Goals

Efficient use of the Title III funds received by Lane County through the SRS, will assist in the renewal efforts of the Act which is Lane County's strategic objective D5: *Develop timber revenue strategies*, which states: "Lane County will prepare a plan that identifies strategies and actions to ensure continuation of County payments from the federal government under Public Law 106-393"

Public Law 110-343 is the result of effort to continue funding under Public Law 106-393.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Public Law 110-343 provides for decreasing funding over a four year period beginning in FY 08-09 and ending in FY 11-12. The amounts received will vary between \$3.2 million in FY 08-09 to below \$2 million in FY 11-12.

E. Analysis

This Agenda item seeks to have the Board reaffirm the continuation of the projects that were approved in February for FY 09-10 by awarded the related amounts for the projects. The FY 09-10 costs are detailed as follows:

Search & Rescue: \$220,261
Firewise Activities: \$1,132,520
Dunes Patrol: \$90,070
Wildland Policing & Emergency Services: \$1,106,697

Note: The Communication Site Upgrade in FY 08-09 was a one time cost previously approved.

As detailed in February, the award of the above projects provides for stable funding for the projects for the four year period of the Secure Rural Schools legislation and if no other projects are awarded, the fund is projected to have a balance of approximately \$750,256 at the end of FY 11-12.

The one additional project application received for FY 09-10 is attached and described as:

Sponsor: Oregon Department of Forestry
Name of Project: FirewiseCommunities / SB 360 Outreach and Ed
Funding Request: \$61,000
Note: This project runs from July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010. Since this is an outside applicant, the overlap of fiscal years does not cause an issue.

The second project application received requested funding beginning July 1, 2010, and therefore is not reviewable at this time as public notice for that time period has not yet occurred.

There is enough funding available to award this additional application's request if approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Any funding left over at the end of the legislation must then be appropriated to a specific project or it will revert back to the Department of Treasury at the end of FY 12-13.

F. Alternatives/Options

1. Approve the recommended Title 3 projects for FY 09-10.
2. Approve some other combination of recommended projects for FY 09-10.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

The projects will begin as soon as possible following Board Order approval.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

Approve the continuing Title 3 projects for FY 09-10 and review the new application for additional Firewise Education & outreach submitted by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

VII. FOLLOW-UP

No follow-up needed at this time.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Project Submission Form for Oregon Department of Forestry
- B. Board Order

PL 110-343 TITLE III PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM LANE COUNTY

NAME OF PROJECT: Firewise Communities / SB 360 Outreach and Education

DATE SUBMITTED: March 12, 2009

PROJECT SPONSOR: Oregon Department of Forestry

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS: 3150 Main Street Springfield, OR 97478

CONTACT PERSON: Greg Wagenblast

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Project is authorized under the following category: (see Section 302(a) attached)

- Firewise Communities activities
- Search & Rescue and other emergency services
- Develop Community Wildfire Protection Plan

PROJECT LOCATION: Lane County

Other Identifiers: (Geographic location, Road name or number, Stream name)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To provide the residents of Lane County with information about how to make their home and communities safer in the event of a wildland fire. Education and outreach processes with community leaders and residents.

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Reduce the risk of losing structures and forests and increasing public safety in Lane County from wildland fire through public outreach and planning. Increase awareness of potential catastrophic damages to life and property due to wildfire.

Is there an opportunity to tie this Project to an associated Title II Project? Explain: The East Lane County regional fire defense project. Several National Fire plan grants working in the McKenzie drainage, Row/Mosby Cr areas of SE Lane county, and others of recent past. Specific details concerning any these projects can be made available upon request

Proposed Method of Accomplishment:

Provide the community information through direct contact on how to "Firewise" their homes. This contact will be through mailings, signage in targeted interface areas, PSA's, brochures, and community workshops (SB360 informational meetings, FIREWISE workshops, fire prevention demonstrations).

Provide structural defensibility information through mailings.

- Contract
- Volunteers
- Agency (USFS/BLM)
- County
- County Corrections (Adult or Juvenile)
- Non-Profit
- Other: Oregon Department of Forestry

Current Status of Project Preparation: Currently the Oregon Department of Forestry is in the process of implementing Senate Bill 360 in Lane County. Funds would be used to make additional visits and mailings throughout Lane County.

Contact person(s) for Project Specific Documentation: Greg Wagenblast

How does Project meet the purpose of the Legislation? : Provides homeowners in Lane County education and assistance with implementing fuel reduction efforts. This project will also help provide techniques in home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires, which is a major goal of Firewise Communities. The educational material and efforts will also be linked with Lane County Land Mgmt and the CWPP efforts already occurring.

How does the Project benefit your Community? This project will reduce the risk to life and property from Wildfire in the Wild land-Urban interface through mail, signage in targeted interface areas, PSA's, brochures, and community workshops (SB360 informational meetings, FIREWISE workshops, fire prevention demonstrations) and direct contact to landowners.

How does the Project improve cooperative relationships among people who use Federal lands and the Federal Management Agency? Many homeowners in Lane County live adjacent to federal lands BLM and USFS. The "Firewising" of these communities adjacent to federal lands benefits the private landowners and the Federal lands by preventing the spread of fire to federal land from private and vice versa. This will develop relationships and communication for the various landowners as fuel reduction efforts occur along property lines. These funds will assist with current partnerships between ODF, USFS, BLM and others who are developing implementation plans for community protection efforts (CWPP).

Duration of the Project: 15 months

Anticipated cost of the Project (itemize):

- Review and Consultation Costs: \$0.00
- Engineering Costs: \$0.00
- Contact Preparation and Administration Costs: \$5,000.00
- Materials and Supplies: \$30,000.00

- Monitoring: \$1000
- Other Costs: \$15,000.00
- Indirect Costs (overhead): \$10,000.00

TOTAL COST ESTIMATE: \$ 61,000.00

ESTIMATED START DATE OF PROJECT: July 1, 2009

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE OF PROJECT: September 30, 2010

TOTAL FTE: .2

Identify sources of other funding for Project: (including amounts)

Project accomplishments and/or expected outcomes: This project will reduce the risk to life and property from Wildfire in the Wildland-Urban interface through mail and direct contact to landowners.

Explain how the Project will create or produce a benefit to the Federal resource: The "Firewising" of these communities adjacent to federal lands benefits the Private landowners and the Federal land by preventing the spread of fire to federal land from private and vice versa. Prevention messages and signage will also help keep fire prevention in front of the public as they pass through the interface areas while traveling to use the federal lands.

Monitoring and reporting plan to measure outcome (What measure or evaluation will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired objectives?) The measure of success will be measured by actual number of mailings and direct contacts with the community feedback.

Other comments:

Corrected order
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IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 09-6-24-

-) In the Matter of Approving Projects
-) Submitted under Title III of the Secure
-) Rural Schools and Community Self-
-) Determination Program, P.L. 110-343
-) for Fiscal Year 09-10

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners reviews and authorizes the appropriate expenditure of Title III funds under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008, P.L. 110-343; and

WHEREAS, the County provided a 45-day public comment notice and noticed the Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) as required by P.L. 110-343, for FY 09-10 and no comments or additional projects were received; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, as requested by the Board of Commissioners, has reviewed and recommends the projects and amounts as listed below for FY 09-10; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lane County approves on-going, program costs for projects for FY 09-10 as follows:

Search & Rescue	\$220,261
Firewise Activities:	
Land Management	\$1,132,520
Oregon Dept of Forestry	\$ _____
Dunes Patrol	\$90,070
Wildland Policing & Emergency Services	\$1,106,697

ADOPTED, this 24th day of June, 2009.

Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

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