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AGENDA DATE: Wednesday, July 6th, 2011
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: County Administration
PRESENTED BY: Jennifer Inman, Sr. Management Analyst
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: In the Matter of Approving Ongoing Project Awards under Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program for FY 11-12

I. MOTION

Move approval of the order approving ongoing project awards under Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program for FY 11-12.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FY 11-12 is the fourth and final year of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) 2008 award. Five ongoing projects are discussed here for continued funding. They include four Lane County Search & Rescue, Dunes Patrol, Forest Patrol, and Firewise programs and the Oregon Department of Forestry for Eastern Lane Firewise program. Also included is an extension of time, but no additional funding, for the completion of the Communication Site Upgrade project.

The total proposed for these ongoing projects including Title III administrative and program costs is \$2,951,843. Should the board approve the FY 11-12 projects as proposed; the County will have an estimated \$2 million fund balance remaining for continuation of Title III projects into FY 12-13.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

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. Development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed and approved funding for the four multi-year County projects in Board Order 09-2-18-7.

The Board reviewed and approved funding for the Oregon Dept. of Forestry Firewise program in Board Order 09-6-24-11.

B. 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.

C. Analysis

SRS 2008 Resources

Public Law 110-343 provides for decreasing funding over a four year period beginning in FY 08-09 and ending in FY 11-12.

\$10.4 million	estimated total Title III revenue over four years
\$5.4 million	approximate total expended at end of FY 10-11
\$2.9 million	requested for ongoing projects in FY 11-12
\$2.0 million	estimated fund balance at end of FY 11-12

Any funding left over at the end of the legislation must be allocated to an ongoing project or it will revert back to the Department of Treasury after September 30, 2013. The Board will have the SRS 2008 Title III fund balance to allocate to these continuing projects for services in FY 12-13.

FY 11-12 Title III Projects

Prior to award of funding for Title III projects, a 45 day public notice must be published and the Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) must be notified. The publication for the FY 11-12 projects occurred in the Register Guard newspaper on March 6, 2011. The proposal period closed on April 27, 2011. The only request received was from the Oregon Department of Forestry Eastern Lane (ODF) to continue their Firewise Program. No proposals for new projects were received.

This Agenda item seeks to have the Board reaffirm the continuation of the projects initially approved in BO 09-2-18-7 and reaffirmed annually and to continue the ODF Firewise program for another year. The FY 11-12 costs are detailed as follows:

Search & Rescue: \$240,749
Dunes Patrol: \$98,359
Wildland Policing & Emergency Services: \$1,208, 541
Communications Site Upgrade: \$65,743 (in funds not used in FY 10-11)
Lane County Firewise Activities: \$1,199,491
Oregon Department of Forestry: \$70,000

In addition to these projects, the County has budgeted \$68,960 in FY 11-12 for allowable Title III program and administrative costs.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

Approve the continuing Title 3 projects for FY 11-12. Board of Commissioners annual approval of these multi-year project awards is required.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

A. Board Order

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO. 11-7-6-) In the Matter of Approving Ongoing Project
) Awards under Title III of the Secure Rural
) Schools & Community Self-Determination
) Program for FY 11-12
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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 Program, 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 11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Forestry submitted a proposal to continue the ODF Firewise Program for Eastern Lane; 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 11-12; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lane County approves on-going, program costs for projects for FY 11-12 as follows:

Search & Rescue	\$240,749
Firewise Activities:	
Land Management	\$1,199,491
Oregon Dept of Forestry	\$70,000
Dunes Patrol	\$98,359
Wildland Policing & Emergency Svs	\$1,208,541
Communication Site Up Upgrade	\$65,743
Title III Program & Administrative Costs	\$68,960

ADOPTED, this 6th day of July, 2011.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 6-26-11 lane county

Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners


OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL In the Matter of Approving Ongoing Projects Awards under Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Program for FY 11-12