



County of Sonoma
State of California

Date: December 14, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Authorizing the Permit Sonoma to Execute one grant agreement with the Federal Emergency's Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Administered by the California Office of Emergency Services.

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides funding to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a Major Disaster declaration. Authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and administered by FEMA, HMGP was created to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters; and

Whereas, in California, the HMGP program is administered by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES); and

Whereas, the goal of the HMGP is to develop mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster; and

Whereas, proposals submitted under the HMGP must involve projects that reduce or eliminate losses from future disasters and provide a long-term solution; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan on April 25, 2017 and this plan was approved by FEMA on May 4, 2017; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors authorized applications for HMGP grant funding on February 2, 2018; and

Whereas, the County match for HMP projects is 25% of total project costs and the Board of Supervisors has reserved sufficient funds money for this cost share; and

Whereas, FEMA notified Cal OES of the intent to award the County of Sonoma of one HMGP grant on May 18, 2021; and

Whereas, the awarded grant is for wildfire risk by removing hazardous fuels on private parcels and road systems in the county through the creation of a hazardous fuels reduction program. Phase One will consist of initial public outreach and coordination, site inspections and eligibility verification, California Environmental Quality Agency (CEQA) compliance and permitting, and program design development. Phase Two, which will be reviewed once the property eligibility list and program design have been developed, will entail program implementation and follow-up inspections (HMGP DR-4407-335-077R); and

Whereas, the total project cost for Phase One is \$1,394,365, with a federal share of \$1,045,773.75 and a local cost-share amount of \$348,591.25 and the total cost for Phase Two is \$4,605,636 and a local cost-share of \$1,151,409; and

Whereas, unless extension is duly granted, the Phase One of the project must be completed on or before November 18, 2022; and

Whereas, FEMA has stated that its election to fund these grants is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as an action that is categorically excluded (CE) from the need to prepare either an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma will coordinate with FEMA staff and the California Office of Emergency Services in undertaking the awarded grant project to completion.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors:

1. **Authorizes** the execution of the grant agreement between the County of Sonoma and Cal OES to launch Phase One of the Sonoma County Hazardous Fuels Project.
2. **Authorizes** the Director of the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department to return to the Board to receive direction about public outreach efforts, including to underrepresented communities, to ensure all members of the public in the project areas have an opportunity to apply. The Department will also return to the Board with recommended selection criteria and procurement procedures to receive your Board's input to select which property owners would ultimately be chosen to receive this benefit.
3. **Be It Further Resolved**, the Board of Supervisors designates the Clerk of the Board as the custodian of the documents and other materials, which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the Clerk of the Board, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100-A, Santa Rosa, California 95403.
4. **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector and the County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to complete the budgetary and accounting transfers and adjustments to the Permit Sonoma's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget as follows:

FY 2021-2022 Uses	Description	Amount
10205-16020300	Non-Departmental General Fund Reserve*	
57011	Transfers Out – Within A Fund	49,565
57012	Transfers Out – Between Funds	66,232
10005-26010122	PRMD – ER-Environmental Review	
50604	Salary & Benefits	171,728
51249	Other Professional Services	12,368
52101	Other Supplies	24,445
52141	Minor Equipment/Small Tools	1,667
11155-26030100	PRMD – Fire Prevention	
50604	Salary & Benefits	205,545
51249	Other Professional Services	16,395
52101	Other Supplies	30,640
52141	Minor Equipment/Small Tools	2,000
	Total Uses	580,585
FY 2021-2022 Sources	Description	Amount

10205-16020300	Non-Departmental Fund Reserve*	
	Use of Non-Departmental Fund Reserve	115,797
10005-26010122	PRMD – ER-Environmental Review	
42460	Federal Other Funding	157,656
47101	Transfers In – Within A Fund	49,565
11155-26030100	PRMD – Fire Prevention	
42460	Federal Other Funding	190,935
47102	Transfers In –Between Governmental Funds	66,232
	Total Sources	580,185

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.