Sonoma County Fuels Reduction Program: Existing and Proposed Budget

FY (end year)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Five Year Total
Program Element	Existing *		Proposed**			
Small Parcel Inspection and Fuels						
Management	361,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	\$ 1,861,000
Abatement Cost Recovery Funding	64,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	\$ 384,000
Large Parcels and Projects Implementation	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$ 400,000
Permitting and Compliance Support	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	\$ 600,000
Community Education and Engagement	25,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	\$ 365,000
County-Owned Parcel Treatment	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	\$ 80,000
Program Management/Administration	50,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	\$ 410,000
Total	\$500,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$4,100,00

^{*} Authorized, budgeted and underway.

The five-year budget proposal represents the overview of requested local funding support of the initial five-year cycle of a comprehensive and sustained fuels reduction core program. Additional external funds, including federal and state grants, are required to launch substantial countywide enhancements in wildfire risk reduction and community preparedness. These local expenditures could constitute necessary local in-kind cost-share for such grants. The distribution of budget between program elements from year-to-year could vary from this proposal, and would be developed in the detailed plan for authorization, updated on annual budget cycles. As external funds become available to accomplish work, local resources could be allocated differently or to innovative options. Long-term funding of continued activities at an adequate maintenance level will be needed beyond 2023.

^{**} Proposed distribution of an overall \$900,000 annual budget between the fuels reduction core program elements.