



**County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors  
Agenda Item Submittal**

**From:** General Services Department: County Fire  
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**Subject:** County Fire 2020-21 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Acceptance  
CSA #48

**Meeting Date:** October 20, 2020

**Recommended Action(s):**

1. Adopt resolution approving the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Agreement 7FG20115 and authorizing the County Fire Chief to sign and execute the agreements on behalf of Santa Cruz County Fire Department CSA #48; and
2. Adopt resolution accepting and appropriating Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program funds of \$20,000 into the 2020-21 County Fire budget as indicated.

**Executive Summary**

Santa Cruz County Fire Department CSA #48 submitted an operational grant request to purchase communications equipment. We are pleased to inform the Board that the grant application for has been approved in the amount of \$20,000.

**Background**

The State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) makes funds available for distribution on a competitive basis through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program (VFA). The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to organize, train, and equip local forces in rural areas and communities to prevent, control, and suppress fires threatening life and resources.

**Analysis**

Santa Cruz County Fire Department CSA #48 must now enter into an agreement with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in order to receive the grant funds. It is also necessary to accept and appropriate these funds to allow the purchase of the grant approved items. Sufficient funds were included in the 2020-21 County Fire budget (GL Key 304100, Object 62226) to provide the required matching funds.

**Financial Impact**

This Volunteer Fire Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$20,000 will provide additional funding for the purchase of portable radios to be used by County Fire Volunteer Firefighters. This 50/50 grant requires a matching amount from County Fire.

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\$20,000.00

Increase expenditures

**Strategic Plan Element(s):**

Comprehensive Health & Safety (Local Justice):

This grant funding provides County Fire Volunteer Firefighters' with communications equipment to support and enhance current public safety practices.

County Operational Excellence (County Infrastructure):

This grant funding provides communications equipment to maintain County Fire communications and response during emergency incidents.

**Submitted by:**

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**Recommended by:**

Carlos J. Palacios, County Administrative Officer

**Attachments:**

- a Resolution to Accept Grant 7FG20115
- b Resolution - AUD60
- c Application 7FG20115-Volunteer Fire Assistance
- d Grant Agreement-Volunteer Fire Assistance 7FG20115
- e Award Notification
- f Grant Information Worksheet