

DEPARTMENT: Administration

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the use of \$5,000 of Title III funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389) for the purchase of supplies for the County's Fire Safety Trailer. During the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Final Budget Hearings, the Board directed staff to use Title III money to fund the purchase of supplies for the County's Fire Safety Trailer. Before the Board may formally approve the use of Title III money, there must first be a 45-day public comment period and this has been accomplished with no public comment being received as of the date this board item was prepared. Supplies for the Fire Safety Trailer meet the criteria to use Title III funds.

The Forest Reserve Fund (#345) has an unencumbered balance of \$227,203 available for allowable Title III projects. These projects include: (1) Search and rescue and other emergency services performed on Federal lands and paid for by the County; (2) Community service work camps (inmate community service on Federal lands); (3) Easement purchases; (4) Forest related educational opportunities; (5) Fire prevention and county planning; (6) Community forestry.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Mariposa County received approximately \$95,000 a year from 2000 - 2006 for use on eligible Title III projects. The Federal Government has to date not approved the continuance of HR 2389. Please see the attached spreadsheet for a list of previously approved Title III projects.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the use of Title III money for the purchase of supplies for the County's Fire Safety Trailer. Direct staff to identify another source of funding for the supplies.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes () No	Current FY Cost: \$5,000	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$227,203		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$0		Spreadsheet of previously approved Title III projects
Source:		
Internal Transfer _____		
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 06-584 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Amw Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments: _____

CAO: *[Signature]*

BOARD APPROVED TITLE III PROJECTS
December 6, 2006

Project Description	Amount	Status
Planning phase for the construction of the Jordan Creek Bridge.	\$20,988	Completed
County-wide chipping education/demonstration project.	\$80,000	Completed
Southwest Interface Project (SWIFT).	\$29,988	Completed
Mariposa County Fire Safe Council.	\$46,764	Completed
Continued funding of SWIFT.	\$28,800	In Progress
Continued funding of Mariposa County Fire Safe Council.	\$46,567	Completed
Fuel reduction program utilizing California Department of Corrections crews.	\$8,000	In Progress
Continued funding of Mariposa County Fire Safe Council.	\$26,750	Completed
Continued funding of Mariposa County Fire Safe Council.	\$51,400	In Progress
Defensible space education/chipping demonstration program.	\$27,390	In Progress
Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council brochure.	\$12,000	In Progress