

DEPARTMENT: Administration

BY: Mary Hodson
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the use of Title III funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389) for a two-year county-wide chipping program managed by the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council (\$80,000) and to fund a Coordinator on the South West Interface Project (SWIFT) for a two-year period (\$29,270); Authorize the Chairman to sign a grant agreement with the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council and to sign a Personal Services Agreement with Tom James.

A description of the proposals was published in the publication of local record on January 22, 2003 and on March 5, 2003. The 45-day comment period has ended and no public comment was received on either proposal.

The Forest Reserve fund currently has a balance of \$162,427. The County can expect to receive approximately \$92,000 a year for the next three years for use on Title III projects. Attached is the definition of Title III projects.

Since the January 14, 2003, meeting the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council has determined the administrative fee for the chipping program will be closer to 15-percent rather than the 10-percent that was in the original proposal. This change will not affect the total dollar amount of the proposal, which will remain at \$80,000. Attached is an explanation on the change in the administrative fee.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On January 14, 2003, the Board tentatively approved the use of Title III funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for the county-wide chipping program and the Coordinator for the SWIFT project pending completion of the 45-day comment period.

On August 13, 2002, the Board adopted Resolution 02-324 designating that 100-percent of the available funding for local projects from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 be allocated to fund Title III projects.

On April 23, 2002, the Board adopted Resolution 02-117 approving the use of Title III funding for the planning phase of the construction of the Jordan Creek Bridge in the amount of \$20,988.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the use of Title III funding for the county-wide chipping program and/or the Coordinator for the SWIFT project. Direct staff to solicit alternate proposals that meet the requirements of Title III projects as detailed in HR 2389.

Financial Impact? (x) Yes No Current FY Cost: \$ 54,635

Y 2003-04 Recurring Cost: \$54,635

Budgeted In Current FY? (x) Yes No Partially Funded

Amount in Budget: \$162,427

List Attachments, number pages consecutively

Additional Funding Needed: \$0

Definition of Title III projects.

Source:

Grant Agreement w/Mariposa Fire Safe Council

Internal Transfer _____

Personal Services Agreement w/Tom James

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.: 03-81 Ord. No. _____

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____

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: RAH