



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2021

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: KINDON MEIK, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE REALLOCATION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS WILDFIRE RESILIENCY GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2021

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Provide direction on the reallocation of the Emergency Operations Wildfire Resiliency grant funds awarded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) to the City of Calabasas.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2021, SMMC awarded the City \$450,000 in Emergency Operations Wildfire Resiliency funds. Additionally, the City committed \$100,000 in matching funds. As outlined in the original application, the City requested grant monies for the following projects:

- Purchase of a generator for the Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center with intent of utilizing the facility as a community emergency operation center (EOC) available to cities in the Las Virgenes- Malibu Council of Governments.
- Complete fire hardening improvements at the Community Center (building and landscaping).

- Upgrade AM radio and other communication equipment used by the City for emergency operations.

As a result of continued delays in reopening the Community Center and to honor the intent of SMMC that grant funds be spent “in preparation for the upcoming 2021 [wildfire] season” staff recommends that the Emergency Operations Wildfire Resiliency grant funds be reapportioned to the following activities:

- Purchase a trailer to be equipped as a mobile EOC
- Formation and ongoing operation of fire safe councils
- Fire hardening initiatives on publicly owned/operated facilities
- Fire detection/mapping equipment and software
- Upgrade emergency communication equipment (listed in original application)
- Home hardening education and outreach for residents and businesses

Changes in the project scope of the grant is subject to the approval of SMMC. Recommendations by the Council will therefore be submitted to the SMMC Board for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

All expenses associated with the projects noted above would be paid for with grant funds and the City’s matching funds. Staff recommends that the Woolsey Fire settlement funds be used as the matching funds associated with this grant.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Provide direction to staff on the reallocation of grant funds.

ATTACHMENT:

Emergency Operations Wildfire Grant Application and SMMC resolution authorizing funds to the City of Calabasas.