



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Community Wildfire Defense Grant Application for Community Wildfire Protection Plan Revision

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to authorize the submittal of an application for a Community Wildfire Defense Grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Natural Resources Department seeks Board authorization to apply for a federal Community Wildfire Defense Grant for the purpose of revising and combining the County's seven Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs). If granted, the funds would be used to contract with Central Oregon Interagency Council to complete this work, which is estimated to take approximately two years. Combining the seven CWPPs into one is expected to enhance the County's likelihood of receiving grants, which has been complicated by having multiple separate CWPPs. In addition, each CWPP is updated every five years on a staggered schedule, which has resulted in a very large and unrealistic workload for the department.

The proposal is to combine the CWPPs into one document which identifies the seven existing areas along with each area's unique stakeholders and its needs for wildfire protection planning and fuels mitigation efforts.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

If approved, the application could result in a grant award of \$150,000. The 10% match would be provided through other grant funding the department has already been awarded for wildland fire projects.

ATTENDANCE:

Kevin Moriarty, County Forester
Corinne Heiner, Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator