



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Fire Aside Defensible Space Inspection Software

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement, upon legal review, for purchase of Fire Aside Defensible Space Inspection Software in the amount of \$11,660.80, 2) authorize Finance Director to make necessary budget adjustment from Measure B to facilitate the purchase.

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Council Meeting Date: 01/14/2025

Date Prepared: 01/08/2025

Agenda: Consent

Background Information:

With the passage of Measure B in 2024, the City of Grass Valley is introducing a Community Risk Reduction Officer and team dedicated to proactive risk reduction strategies, including defensible space inspections for residential properties and parcels within the City.

To enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of these inspections, the Fire Aside software will be implemented, replacing the current manual system of forms, letters, and checklists. This new software streamlines the evaluation process, providing a consistent, property-specific interaction report for residents.

The customized reports prioritize actions based on risk, offering detailed recommendations that engage property owners and drive meaningful mitigation efforts. By delivering clear and actionable information, the platform fosters better communication and collaboration with residents while ensuring consistency and accuracy at the parcel level.

Fire Aside is widely adopted across the state, including by our neighboring partners in Nevada City, Nevada County, and Truckee, creating alignment and interoperability within the region. Its user-friendly interface and rapid implementation will help modernize our approach to defensible space inspections and community risk reduction, aligning us with best practices statewide.

Council Goals/Objectives: The implementation of the Community Risk Reduction program and Fire Aside software, funded by Measure B, directly supports our mission to deliver exceptional public safety.

Fiscal Impact: Measure B will provide the necessary funding for the Fire Aside software, enabling the City to modernize its approach to defensible space inspections. For the current year, the cost of implementation is \$11,660.80, determined by the number of parcels within the City. This investment enhances efficiency and consistency in risk reduction efforts, supporting the City's commitment to exceptional public safety and wildfire preparedness."

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: Measure B

Reviewed by:

Attachments: Sole Source Letter, Sales Agreement