



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2020

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Aimee New, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: FY 20/21 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION

Consideration to approve the FY 20/21 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Program Agreement No. 7FG20023 in the amount of \$5,960; and adopt Resolution 09-21-20-A authorizing the City Administrator to execute the Agreement and any subsequent documents.

DISCUSSION

The primary goal of the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA) is intended to assist rural fire protection jurisdictions in the purchase of certain training, safety and communications equipment. Since 1980, the VFA grant has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The grant program is a 50/50 matching fund grant provided by the United States Forest Service under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978. The program is administered by CAL FIRE. The Sonora Fire Department has received VFA grant monies for the past several years.

FISCAL IMPACT

This Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant provides for an award during the fiscal year 2020/21 up to and not to exceed \$5,960 with a 50% City match. This Sonora's Fire match is included in the FY 2020/2021 Final Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution 09-21-20-A
- Grant Agreement