



Agenda Item

City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Rick Otto, City Manager

FROM: Sean deMetropolis, Fire Chief

1. SUBJECT

Appropriation of \$15,000 in Fire Prevention and Preparedness funding received from the California Fire Foundation (CFF) Grant 2021.

2. SUMMARY

The California Fire Foundation has authorized a reimbursement grant award to the Orange City Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. There is no matching fund requirement. The goal of the Fire Prevention and Preparedness Grant is to assist local government to establish a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the City of Orange.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Accept into the City's revenue budget a \$15,000 grant from the California Fire Foundation, into revenue account number 100.3012.45495.30178, General Fund - CFF Grant 2021.
2. Authorize the appropriation of \$15,000 into expenditure account number 100.3021.50221.30178, General Fund - CFF Grant 2021.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

The total appropriations for this grant are funded by the additional revenue received from the California Fire Foundation.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 1: Provide for a safe community

- a. Provide staffing and resources to deliver services that ensure public safety.

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The Orange City Fire Department is continually looking for ways to improve its programs and services. With the most recent historical destructive fires like Canyon, Canyon 2, Bond Fire and Silverado Fire it is imperative that an Emergency Action Campaign is set in place for our residents and visitors. The most recent fires between 2017 and 2020 are the following:

- Canyon Fire: 4,300 acres
- Canyon 2 Fire: 9,200 acres, 60 homes destroyed or damaged

- Bond Fire: 6,686 acres, 25,000 residents evacuated, 31 structures destroyed, 2 injured firefighters
- Silverado Fire: 13,390 acres, 28 structures destroyed or damaged, 2 injured firefighters

The above mentioned fires affected the residents of Orange and mandatory evacuations were put into place. The equestrian community, Orange Park Acres, was the most impacted due to its livestock. Through advanced planning and preparations, the City can prepare residents by educating and promoting programs to teach them personal responsibility, protecting their families, and increasing survivability of their property.

The City currently has several programs to help guide and prepare our residents during an emergency situation. The Ready Set GO wildfire preparedness brochure, AlertOC emergency notification system, social media platforms (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) and our website are a few ways we are able to educate our residents and visitors.

The Emergency Action Campaign would consist of mailing out informational notecards to all residents of Orange with our website information and social media. This would allow all residents to be aware of our programs, what we offer and our most up-to-date information.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- Grant Agreement for Emergency Action Campaign