
MEMORANDUM

To: East Contra Costa Fire Protection District
From: Townsend Public Affairs
Date: June 6, 2019
Subject: Grants Monthly Report for East Contra Costa Fire Protection District—May 2019

This memorandum is an updated overview of the current funding opportunities in progress.

CALIFORNIA FIRE FOUNDATION

Wildfire Outreach Grant

The California Fire Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, provides emotional and financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters, firefighters and the communities they protect. Formed in 1987 by California Professional Firefighters, the California Fire Foundation's mandate includes an array of survivor and victim assistance projects and community initiatives

This program will offer awards in the \$15,000 range to support firefighters throughout California prepare for, prevent and mitigate climate change driven natural disasters through education and outreach. TPA is working with District staff to determine what to apply for and the scope of the project.

Applications are due on July 15, 2019.

PULSE POINT

TPA is working with District staff and Pulse Point on marketing strategies that can be used in conjunction with the Pulse Point relaunch scheduled for the fall. Some items that have been discussed are messages on electronic billboards and window clings that can be placed at businesses throughout town. We are currently waiting to get a timeframe from Pulse Point on the different options. These are marketing mechanisms that would be paid for by Pulse Point and no cost to the district.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Currently the District has 3 grant applications into FEMA. Due to the government shutdown and the potential for another shut down, it is uncertain when FEMA will be reviewing and awarding grant applications.

Assistance to Firefighters

TPA worked with District staff to prepare two applications that will meet the high priorities of the agency. The first was a regional application. If awarded, ECCFPD and ConFire would purchase a total of 21 sauna units. This request also aligns with AFG's high programmatic priority for the purchase of responder rehab equipment.

The second application is to replace the district's 15 current portable radios. If awarded, ECCFPD would replace its existing set with new, state-of-the-art, fully-functioning portable radios. This purchase would directly enhance responder safety and improve ECCFPD's ability to protect life and property in the region.

Applications were submitted on October 25, 2018

Fire Prevention and Safety

On November 11, 2018, FEMA released the funding opportunity for the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program. TPA worked the Chief Macumber to resubmit an application to include additional information pertaining to the efforts that were undertaken this past year in regard to the strategic plan and the recruitment of a fire marshal.

The grant application was submitted on December 22, 2018.

On May 2, 2019, TPA met with representatives from FEMA in Washington D.C. Due to the government shut down earlier this year, the Agency is behind in reviewing applications. They are currently reviewing applications received under the AFG program. The \$315 million under this program will allow the Agency to award approximately 2000 of the 8000 applications they received. They have \$35 million to award an estimated 150 applications.

Award announcements for all FEMA grants will begin in July and continue through September. The next grant period will be open in fall of this year.

