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Memorandum

Date: March 16, 2021

To: The Honorable , Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Moke Simon, District 1 Supervisor, Risk Reduction Authority Chair
Jessica Pyska, District 5 Supervisor, Risk Reduction Authority Vice Chair

Subject: Consideration of \$26,000 Funding Allocation to the Lake County Community Risk Reduction Authority

Executive Summary: (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

As our Board is aware, the Lake County Community Risk Reduction Authority Joint Powers Agreement (LCCRRA) was originally created in 2018 and amended in 2019, by the County of Lake, the Lakeport Fire Protection District, the Northshore Fire Protection District, the South Lake County Fire Protection District, the Kelseyville Fire Protection District, and the Lake County Fire Protection District.

The LCCRRA was formed to support the entire Lake County community through the effective use of the authority of local governments, implement programs offering low-or no-cost risk reduction resources to the public, the development of funding to implement and maintain such programs, and to provide informational and educational resources to the public so that they are better able to assess and manage these risks.

Upon formation, the LCCRRA committed to:

1. Development of low or no cost resources to reduce the risks of fire from hazardous vegetation, earthquakes, and environmental causes.
2. Development of community infrastructure improvements.
3. Development of property inspection programs and scoring and assessment tools to prioritize the level of individual and community risk.
4. Development and management of funding sources necessary to support the RRA's risk reduction programs.
5. Development of educational and training tools to assist RRA members, the public, and non-member governmental agencies in discovering, assessing and reducing the risks associated with fire and other disasters and mitigating the potential impacts.
6. Development of community programs to improve the resilience of our local forested area.
7. Enforcement of County, State and Federal laws.

The LCCRRA is now in the process of expanding to include additional member seats and has adopted the following priorities for 2021:

- Expand the JPA to seven members

- Secure RRA Coordinator under contract
- Secure needed funding from member agencies for contract support
- Seek grant funding opportunities
- Secure CMAT (Community Mitigation Assessment Team)
 - Develop organizational/departmental/committee hierarchy
 - Develop overall strategy for all risk reduction
- Support completion of the CWPP (Community Wildfire Prevention Program)
 - Focus on identified priorities, strategize implementation, assign responsibility and follow-up reporting
- Support CLERC (Clearlake Environmental Research Center)
 - Implementing shovel-ready projects
 - Streamline permitting to move projects to shovel-ready
 - Ongoing and future grant opportunities
- Support Community Wildfire Risk Reduction programs (the work of the Fire Safe Council)
 - Fire Wise Communities
 - Fire Break Maintenance
 - "Broom Buster" project
 - Grazing goats
 - Lake County Prescribed Burn Associations
- Host, support and coordinate partner agencies for community education, events and programs

In order to achieve its mission and priorities, the LCCRRA is seeking support necessary to procure applicable grants and engage in additional fund raising activity. At this time, the LCCRRA seeks an allocation of \$26,000 from the County to help provide initial funding for these services. Going forward, it is the intent of the RRA that future funding for these services will be supported by those grants acquired in the first year.

The \$26,000 in funds requested could be made available through the Cannabis Tax policy adopted by our Board, under the category of Economic Development/Housing/Risk Reduction.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Technology Upgrades</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Revenue Generation</i> |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cost Savings</i> |

If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:

Which exemption is being requested?

How long has Agreement been in place?

When was purchase last rebid?

Reason for request to waive bid?

Recommended Action: Approve \$26,000 Funding Allocation to the Lake County Community Risk Reduction Authority.

