



## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors **Meeting Date:** April 4, 2019

**Staff Contact:** Ann Bollinger

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding ratification of the submission of a grant application to the Nevada Division of Forestry requesting \$90,000 from the Hazardous Fuels-Community Protection Grant Program. (Ann Bollinger, [abollinger@carson.org](mailto:abollinger@carson.org))

Staff Summary: With a last minute announcement from the Nevada Division of Forestry regarding available grant funds from the recently approved Farm Bill, staff responded quickly by submitting a cover letter stating an interest in receiving funds for fuel reduction in the upper area of Kings Canyon. The proposed area is property managed by the Open Space Division and lies adjacent to private lands and U.S. Forest Service lands in which other fuel reduction projects have been implemented. The grant requires a 10% match through in-kind or cash, which will be provided by the Open Space Division.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** Consent

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### Proposed Motion

I move to ratify the submission of the grant application by the Open Space Division as discussed.

### Board's Strategic Goal

Safety

### Previous Action

N/A

### Background/Issues & Analysis

The submittal of grant applications are typically approved by the Board of Supervisors beforehand. However, with a 24-hour notice, minimal required match, and minimal time needed to write a cover letter, staff believed this opportunity should not be passed. A letter was submitted to the Nevada Division of Forestry on March 1, 2019.

As the cover letter states,

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of \$2,000 per acre and 20 acres through mastication at a cost of \$500 per acre for a project total of \$90,000. Treatments would focus on removing white fir ladder fuels underneath mature Jeffrey pine trees, thinning out overstocked Jeffrey pine stands, removing beetle killed Jeffrey pine trees, and reducing fuel loading by at least half in decadent sagebrush/bitterbrush and manzanita/tobacco brush shrub fields.”

An overview of the grant requirements for the Hazardous Fuels-Community Protection grant can be found on the Nevada Division of Forestry website at <http://forestry.nv.gov/grants/>.

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

The City’s grant policy requires any grant applications over \$50,000 be approved by the Board of Supervisors prior to a grant application submittal by City staff; and NRS 354.598005(3).

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:**

**Is it currently budgeted?** Yes

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** The grant submittal does not have a fiscal impact. If awarded, the grant may require a 10% match through in-kind or cash. If needed, the Quality of Life-Open Space Maintenance/Management account has sufficient funding for land management needs. In FY20, the proposed budget for this account is \$175,000.

**Alternatives**

Direct withdrawal of the application.

**Attachments:**

[NDF grant application, cover letter - Attachment.pdf](#)

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
	2) _____	_____
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(Vote Recorded By)



**CARSON CITY, NEVADA**  
**CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY AND STATE CAPITOL**

March 1, 2019

Mr. Mike Vollmer  
 Cooperative Forestry & Fire Supervisor, Community Protection Coordinator  
 Nevada Division of Forestry  
 2478 Fairview Drive  
 Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Grant Proposal to the Hazardous Fuels - Community Protection Program

Dear Mr. Vollmer,

Carson City would like to submit a grant proposal to the Hazardous Fuels - Community Protection Program.

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If you have any questions, please contact Lyndsey Boyer, Senior Natural Resource Specialist at (775) 283-7341 or [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org).

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Paulson  
 City Manager

