



TO: GCSB Board of Directors

FROM: Pete Kampa, General Manager

DATE: December 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6F: Adoption of a Resolution Approving Application for the Tuolumne County Community Grant Program for the Purchase of an Equipment Trailer, Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) and Portable Generator for the Groveland Area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I move to approve Resolution 46-2021, A Resolution Approving Application for the Tuolumne County Community Grant Program for the Purchase of an Equipment Trailer, Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) and Portable Generator for the Groveland Area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

BACKGROUND:

The Groveland Area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was formed by Resolution of the GCSB Board of Directors on April 12, 2019. Since that time, the Groveland Area CERT has achieved recognition by FEMA, local resident Bob Asquith has been certified as the Program Manager and membership in the area CERT has grown to 22 participants. CERT has assisted in the various COVID-19 vaccination clinics, local Flu vaccination clinics, operated cooling centers and other community events in its short 2 year tenure. In addition, we have acquired for free a surplus ambulance vehicle to be used as a firefighter rehabilitation unit and have purchased safety supplies and related equipment for certain members using donations, grants, and district funds.

The county of Tuolumne has recently released a Community Grant Program funded with \$500,000 from the American Rescue Plan, with the intent to help revitalize the community and address community needs, many of which stem from the pandemic that has impacted Tuolumne County and our community since March 2020. This is a competitive grant and applicants will be ranked based on eligibility criteria and the need in the community that this project addresses. Included in this agenda document is a list of items and equipment identified by program manager Bob Asquith that are needed initially to outfit our CERT.

Being a relatively isolated community, a well outfitted community emergency response team is very beneficial to the community and complementary to the services provided by the Groveland fire department. Insert proposes to apply for the community grant program for the purchase of priority equipment as detailed below:

- a box trailer to be towed behind a truck and containing the safety equipment, traffic control equipment, materials and supplies, procedures library, UAS, generator and other items for rapid deployment of assistance
- The purchase of unmanned aircraft systems parentheses (UAS), which are piloted by qualified CERT individuals, are used for the purpose of assisting the fire department and law enforcement as needed in fires, evacuations, search and rescue and other situations where locations may not be accessible by road or may not be safe for personnel to enter.
- The purchase of a portable generator to power up lights, recharge devices, and other electrical needs where and when power is not available in the field

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 46-2021
2. Community Grant Program Document

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a 100% grant program, but if the district is offered funding at less than the total request, there may be a need to modify the equipment list or provide matching funds from the district budget or donations.

RESOLUTION 46-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING APPLICATION FOR THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Groveland Community Services District (herein referred to as District) is a local government agency formed and operating in accordance with Section §61000 et seq. of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Groveland Area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was formed by Resolution of the GCSO Board of Directors on April 12, 2019. Since that time, the Groveland Area CERT has achieved recognition by FEMA, local resident Bob Asquith has been certified as the Program Manager and membership in the area CERT has grown to 22 participants; and

WHEREAS, the county of Tuolumne has recently released a Community Grant Program funded with \$500,000 from the American Rescue Plan, with the intent to help revitalize the community and address community needs, many of which stem from the pandemic that has impacted Tuolumne County and our community since March 2020; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES hereby adopt resolution 46-2021 Approving Application for the Tuolumne County Community Grant Program.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution is passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District on December 14, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Rachel Pearlman, Board Secretary

Janice Kwiatkowski, President - Board of Directors

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, Rachel Pearlman, the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, do hereby declare that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, duly called and held on December 14, 2021.

DATED: _____



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Introduction

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors has committed up to \$500,000 in one-time funds to create a Community Grant Program to help revitalize our community and address community needs, many of which stem from the COVID-19 pandemic that has impacted Tuolumne County since March 2020.

Applications will be received starting on November 29, 2021 and must be submitted by December 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Applications can be completed online at:

<https://tuolumnecountyca.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1087>

This is a competitive grant and applicants will be ranked based on eligibility criteria and the need in the community that this project addresses.

Should additional funding be received, or funding not be fully allocated from the first grant window, a second window is anticipated to be advertised for early 2022.

Who can apply?

Nonprofits that primarily serve Tuolumne County residents and local community groups are eligible to receive funding under this grant. The grant application will ask for a description of the community group applying, including the formation, structure, and mission of the organization.

What projects are eligible?

This grant is using funding Tuolumne County was allocated from the American Rescue Plan. As a result, eligible projects must fall under one of three conditions:

1. **The project responds to a negative impact from COVID-19.** Examples of these types of projects include:
 - a. Providing food, housing, employment programs, etc. to community members; or
 - b. Project addresses significant loss of revenue by the nonprofit/community group after March 3, 2021

2. **The project provides services to disproportionately impacted communities by COVID-19**
 - a. Examples include services to address health disparities, educational disparities, and promoting healthy childhood environments



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3. The project that enhances governmental services

- a. This is defined broadly in the American Rescue Plan but generally projects falling under this category will improve public safety, provide environmental remediation, enhance health services, or other services that provide benefit to the community.

Applicants will be asked to provide a narrative that ties the proposed project to one of these eligible expenses.

How much may be awarded?

Applicants may apply for up to \$50,000. It is anticipated that two grants of \$50,000 and twenty grants of \$20,000 will be available for award. Projects that will not need the full amount can request the amount needed in the document and do not need to apply for the full amount.

If an applicant intends to use any matching /additional funds, applicants will be asked to identify their source. This is primarily to ensure that two Federal funding sources are not being utilized as matching funds as that is generally not allowed with Federal Funds.

Grant Process:

- Applicant must fill out the application, attach all required documents and submit via the online portal or by mail to:

ARP Community Grants
2 South Green Street, 4th Floor
Sonora, CA 95370

- Applications will be reviewed to ensure completeness.
- For applications that require additional information, applicants will be contacted and asked to provide or clarify the requested data.
- Once the grant window is closed, all grant applications will be provided to Sonora Area Foundation to review and make recommendations for award.
- Upon completion of the review, applicants will be notified if their projects have been recommended for award.
- If approved, applicants will receive a notice of obligation for the award amount.



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- In general, funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis. Each applicant will be required to submit documentation showing the expenses have been paid under their approved project before they can be considered for reimbursement.
- However, in acknowledgement that some of our local community groups and nonprofits may have limited funding availability and because of the nature of these projects, advanced funding can be offered on a case-by-case basis. Organizations that require this assistance will be contacted by the County to put this process in to place.
- The performance period for the grant will be from January 1, 2022 –June 30, 2022. Extensions can be approved on a case-by-case basis if additional time is needed or if specific items that are part of the project are delayed.
- All claims need to be received within 2 weeks of the end date of the performance period or extension (whichever is later). Failure to submit the claim within the timeframe could lead to the de-obligation of funding.

What will be needed to apply?

(Please have these available prior to starting the application)

- General contact information
- 501c3 status
- Description of project
- Targeted communities that will benefit from the project and its positive impacts
- Level of support needed for project success
- Financial Documents (Income Statement or Balance Sheet)
- Project Budget (Detailed budget that outlines the project expenditures)
- Letters of Support (Letters of support from stakeholders or partners for your project)
*optional
- Applicants must be in compliance with all Federal, State, and Local laws and in good standing with the County.

Contact

For additional questions regarding this program applicants can call 209-533-5511 for information or email jterry@co.tuolumne.ca.us.