



HAYWOOD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST

*Must be presented to the County Manager's Office
NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. FRIDAY 10 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING*

DATE OF REQUEST: September 12, 2017

FROM: Greg Shuping

MEETING DATE REQUESTED: **October 4, 2017**

SUBJECT: Authorize use of existing USFS Title III funds

REQUEST: Seeking authorization to submit attached proposal for the use of existing Title III funds to the US Forest Service.

BACKGROUND: Funds have been received from the USFS with guidance that it should be spent on FireWise Educational programs and/or reimbursable expenses for emergency service response on Federal lands within Haywood County.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

Upon Board of Commissioners approval, the proposal will be sent for final approval to the US Forest Service office in Washington DC. Once they approve, Haywood County may expend these already existing funds within the approved guidance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

\$61,108.36

SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS: YES X NO _____ HOW MANY? ____

LIST:

PowerPoint Presentation: YES _____ NO X

PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION AT MEETING: Greg Shuping

TITLE Emergency Services Director

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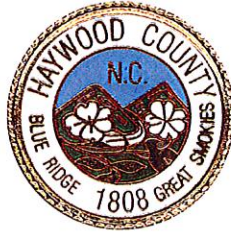
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U.S. Forest Service
Attn: Leanne Veldhuis
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20250-0003

To Whom It May Concern:

Haywood County has a total of \$61,108.36 marked as Title III USFS funds. The procedure for expending Title III funds is as follows. Haywood County must submit this proposal, approved by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners to the US Forest Service Headquarters in Washington, DC. Once our proposal is approved by the USFS, the funds must be obligated no later than September 30, 2018.

Haywood County Emergency Services, NC Forest Service, and US Forest Service have collaborated with many stakeholders and communities since January 2017. Stakeholder proposed issues range from addressing expenses of search and rescue on Federal lands to mitigation of fire prone fuels around communities near Federal lands.

Below is the proposal for consideration:

- \$10,000
 - Fire-wise Program Educational Presentation Materials and Supplies
 - Canopies
 - Projector
 - Miscellaneous Materials
- \$21,108.36
 - Fire-wise Mitigation Projects in Communities at-risk to wild fires.
 - Contractor fees for removing fire prone debris and vegetation from around structures, road systems and firefighting water points.
 - Expendable Supplies and Materials necessary for the project
- \$8,000
 - Reimbursement of a UHF and VHF Radio Repeater installed on federal property for the purpose of Emergency Services response in Pisgah National Forest
 - VHF Radio Repeater, Antenna and Associated Supplies
 - UHF Radio Repeater, Antenna and Associated Supplies

- \$22,000
 - Reimbursement of Portable and Handheld Interoperable Radios to operate during Emergency Services response in Pisgah National Forest and Great Smoky Mountains National Park
 - 6 multi-band Radios

Thank you for your consideration,

J.W. "Kirk" Kirkpatrick, III, Chairman
Haywood County Board of County Commissioners