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Grants Management Office
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<u>PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
1) Metropolitan Medical Response System Bio-terrorism Preparedness Grant	1) Funds from this grant will go toward equipment for County Fire HazMat. Equipment to be distributed in July 2005.
2) 2005/2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	2) Chief Anthony presented on behalf of the grant applications at the Public Hearing on March 22, 2005. Should receive notification in two to four weeks.
3) Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (CBC)	3) Grant award announcement will be made at the June 27, 2005 CBC meeting in Banning. <i>Requested the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Convert nine (9) existing staffing and engines in casino areas (Stations #20, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, 72, 81, and 89) to emergency medical/paramedic units that provide basic and advanced life support (paramedic) and transport, automatic external defibrillators, and specialized heavy and helicopter rescue.</i> ✓ <i>Staff and equip heavy rescue engines for stations 24, 25, and 35</i> ✓ <i>Secure partial funding and staff for new Station #77</i>
4) SAFER Grant	4) County Fire Chief is securing Calimesa interest and matching fund support to bring them to 3.0 staffing so that County Fire can submit a joint SAFER application on their behalf. Canyon Lake is on board and will pursue Board support. The web-based application will be available from May 31 through June 28, 2005.
5) 2005 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program	5) Board approved Form 11 (April 12, 2005 Board Agenda) requesting Board authorization to apply for \$937,200 in grant funding to purchase turnout gear.
6) 2005 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant	6) HMEP planning funds may be used for the development, improvement, and implementation of emergency plans required under the EPCRA, as well as exercises to test the emergency plans. County Fire HazMat is interested in applying for funding to develop a Hazardous Materials Response Plan. Discussed County Fire's interest with Bob Lehman at County Health. Will attend meeting hosted by Grants Administrator from the State in June 16, 2005 to determine how best to proceed. Request was submitted to Executive Team for

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approval last week. Item was held for further discussion.

7) FEMA DR-1577 (Winter Storms Disaster Recovery Funding)

7) A Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for the FEMA DR-1577 was submitted to State OES for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan project in the amount of \$50,000. The NOI was determined eligible and County Fire will be allowed to submit an application. There is a 75/25-match requirement for this project.

OTHER GRANT FUNDING SOURCES AND REQUESTS

STATUS

1) Helicopter Hoist and Backup Cable

1) The first identified funding source is not available. Hoist was also included in the Indian Gaming grant.

2) Gas Detection Equipment

2) In the process of researching grant funding availability for Blythe Battalion. They requested funding for a "four gas monitor."

3) Riverside County Community Health Agency - Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Branch

3) Exploring the possibility of securing grant funding from this source to help find and fund specific training to meet HazMat's Federal and State certification requirements.

4) Enhanced 911 Grants for Wireless Emergency Systems

4) Grant is provided through the Public Safety Foundation of America. The focus of the grant is to fund the implementation of enhanced 911, or wireless 911 technologies, including planning and coordination, equipment and technology upgrades. To assist in deploying this technology in emergency dispatch centers.

5) GSK/TUMS – First Responder Institute Challenge Grant Program

5) A small maximum \$2,500 firefighting equipment grant for "needy fire departments" with a 50/50 cost share.

6) Station 52 (Cottonwood)

6) Submitted request to Cahuilla, Pechanga, Agua Caliente, and Cabazon Indians tribes for Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee grant funding to purchase a new four-door, four-wheel rescue squad with extrication tools and built-in generator.

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7) Rancho Capistrano Volunteer Fire Association – Station 74	7) Volunteer station will submit a grant application to FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Program for the purpose of replacing Rescue 74 with a new squad in the amount of \$90,000.
8) Altaris CAD Project	8) Researching funding source for project that has the potential to reduce County Fire's 9-1-1 call processing, reaction and response times by 50% and greatly advance our emergency incident records management capabilities. Requested \$500,000 in funding to offset the cost of the total project
9) 05 Fire Prevention and Firefighter Safety	9) 05 Fire Prevention and Firefighter Safety grant applications will be accepted in September 2005. Requesting internal grant recommendations (will include Chief Hutchinson and Chief Bennett's request for fire prevention/disaster preparedness educational trailers.
10) 2005 Technology Opportunities Program Grants	10) The Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) did not receive an appropriation for Fiscal Year 2005. Therefore, there will be no FY2005 grant round.
11) AED Grant sponsored by AED Superstore.com	11) AED Superstore, the world's largest source of automated defibrillators (AEDs), is underwriting and administering a private grant to provide 12 Defibtech Lifeline AEDs to twelve U.S. fire service agencies over the course of one year. One AED will be awarded each month. Interested agencies are invited to apply at http://www.aedsforlife.org . The grant period starts April 5, 2005 and ends March 31, 2006. All municipal, county, state, and federal fire agencies are eligible to apply. This includes volunteer, paid-on-call, career and combination fire departments. Private or "for profit" fire agencies are not eligible. Awards will consist of one Defibtech Lifeline AED with one pair of adult electrode pads, a 5-year battery pack, AED orientation video, 5-year manufacturer's warranty, user manual, a rescue kit, a doctor's prescription, an AED Check tag and shipping. Applicants may apply each month during the grant period.
12) Crash Rescue Vehicles	12) Operations requested grant funding to purchase three (3) crash rescue vehicles in the amount of \$750,000 for the Hemet, Bermuda Dunes, Thermal, and Blythe areas. Started grant research. Request was submitted to Executive Team for approval last week. Item was held until next meeting for further discussion.
13) Community Development Block Grant	13) The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD is

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(CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds

soliciting public review and comment on the Draft Action for 2005 CDBG disaster recovery funds. HUD requires the Action Plan prior to release of Disaster Relief Initiative (DRI) funds. Funds will be made available through three separate Notice of Funding Availability (NOFAs), one for each disaster (Southern California fire, San Luis Obispo earthquake, and Middle River flood). The NOFA for Southern California fire disaster will be 67% of the DRI funds (\$10,547,928) and will be allocated primarily for removing debris and remaining fuel sources from public and private property.

14) Zoll One Pulse Devices

14) Received request from Chief McBride to purchase five Zoll "One Pulse" devices for rural, remote companies in County Fire. Request will be submitted to the Executive Team for consideration next week.

**GRANTS NOT AWARDED OR
SUBMITTED**

1) 2004/2005 Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant (RAED)

1) Funds defibrillators. Will not apply, no interest at this time.

2) Public Access Defibrillation Demonstration Projects

2) County Fire does not want to apply for this grant because funding does not meet internal requirements.

3) HRSA Rural Emergency Medical Service Training and Equipment Assistance Program

3) Applicants must submit a nine-page "pre-application" to HRSA by January 10, 2005. **There will be no new competitions available for FY '05.**

4) California Fire Safety Council Clearinghouse

4) Will not submit concept paper. Received conditional funding for Oak Glen fuel break project.

5) 2006 Bureau of Land Management WUI Grant

5) Will not apply. Received conditional funding for Oak Glen fuel break project.

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<p>6) Station #27 – Extrication Equipment</p> <p>7) Emergency Telephone Notification System</p> <p>8) 04 AFG Fire Prevention and Safety Grant</p>	<p>6) Did not apply for extrication equipment from Office of Traffic Safety at this time.</p> <p>7) Verizon is unable to provide Riverside County with an Emergency Notification System. If Riverside County is still interested, Verizon’s Public Safety Account Manager will make a referral to the company he was working with and have them work directly with Riverside County.</p> <p>8) Cannot be funded because County Fire received the \$747,460 maximum grant award from 04 Assistance to Firefighters grant program.</p>
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COMPLETED GRANTS	OUTCOME
<p>1) State Emergency Medical Services Authority Grant</p> <p>2) EMS Certification</p> <p>3) May Day 2004 Exercise</p> <p>4) 03/04 OTS Fire Rescue Tools and Equipment</p>	<p>1) Purchased 7 defibrillators.</p> <p>2) Of the 120 paid firefighters eligible to upgrade, 111 (93%) completed the EMS course. Net result – 99% of County Fire paid personnel are trained at the EMT level or higher. 88 volunteer firefighters completed the course. \$238,872 in EMS equipment and supplies was purchased to replace worn training equipment and update training aids for classes. The new equipment and supplies allowed County Fire to build three EMS training caches so that EMS classes may be taught simultaneously at multiple locations throughout Riverside County.</p> <p>3) The County of Riverside Bio Terrorism and Preparedness Branch conducted an Operational Area exercise called “May Day 2004.” The exercise provided: a) an understanding of how available resources respond together to an event, and b) an effective way to evaluate emergency response. Participating agencies were as follows: Cities of Riverside, Palm Springs, Corona, Hemet, Riverside County Sheriff and Fire Departments, and American Medical Response.</p> <p>4) Fire equipment purchased and final reimbursement requested.</p>

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5) Wal-Mart Safe Neighborhood Heroes Grant	5) The funds were used to purchase rescue equipment for the volunteer fire squad at Lakeland Village.
6) FY02 State Domestic Preparedness Grant Program	6) RCOFD received reimbursement check in the amount of \$59,057 for the purchase of HazMat's Decon Trailer.
7) FY02 State Domestic Preparedness Grant Program	6) RCOFD received reimbursement check in the amount of \$18,103.50 for communication equipment and Riverside County OES exercise participation.
8) FY03 Homeland Security Part 1	8) Received reimbursement check in the amount of \$74,999.56 for preparation of Needs Assessment.
9) 03 Fire Storms	9) Received reimbursement check in the amount of \$5,176 for 03 Fire Storms (Pass Fire, Wellman Fire, and Mountain Fire.
10) CDBG (County Service Area-Sky Valley)	10) Sky Valley Fire Station received a portion of \$25,000 in CDBG grant funding to purchase thermal imaging equipment. This funding will be passed through County Service Area 104.
11) 03 CERT	11) Received reimbursement check for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) grant program to cover the costs of Personnel Hours (\$4,851.86), Supplies (\$8,080.78) and Administrative Fees (\$1,526.43).
12) Continuing Challenge Grant	12) HazMat team requested grant approval from the Annual Continuing Challenge HazMat Workshop committee.