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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
Emergency Services
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SUBJECT: Firewise Grant Administration - transfer from County Fire to Emergency Services

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services requests approval of Budget Transfer No. 76 increasing appropriations and revenue by \$255,459 in the Emergency Services budget with an offsetting decrease in revenue and appropriations in the County Fire budget for the Firewise grant. (4/5 vote required)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board previously approved acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$255,459 for the Wildland Urban Interface Firewise Program (Firewise grant) and appropriated the grant funds in the County Fire budget. The County Emergency Services Manager has been involved with several projects pertaining to the Firewise grant program with County Fire. At this time, County Fire has requested the Emergency Services Manager take over the administration of the grant and grant funds. This requires a budget transfer moving the grant revenue and appropriations from the County Fire budget to the Emergency Services budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The grant funds are currently budgeted in County Fire. This agenda item will move the revenue and appropriations out of the County Fire budget and into the Emergency Services budget.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	These grant funds provide the funding to produce fire hazard maps, increase public awareness of fire hazard mitigation and provide alternative fuel

	modification programs. The transfer of the grant funds from County Fire to Emergency Services will not change the scope of the grant projects in any way.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The term of this Firewise grant is through December 31, 2005; there is the possibility of additional grant funds being available in subsequent years.
Consequences if not approved:	The County will not be able to provide the fire hazard mitigation programs.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Firewise grant will assist Napa County in creating a fire-planned and prepared county, by promoting a healthy watershed and other fire hazard mitigation measures, thus protecting the people and landscape from destruction. The projects planned using the Firewise grant include public education, community chipping services, GIS mapping and defensible space inspections.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) requires that a local government agency be the sub-contractor for the grant. This agenda item will accomplish transferring the revenue and appropriations for grant funds in the amount of \$255,459 from Napa County Fire/CDF to the Napa County Office of Emergency Services. The Emergency Services Manager will coordinate the grant components with Napa City Fire and Napa County Fire.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey