



**COUNTY COURT OF
Grant County, Oregon**

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COUNTY JUDGE Scott W Myers

COMMISSIONER Boyd Britton

COMMISSIONER Jim Hamsher

Please find below the proposed projects and budget for Title III funds that were received by Grant County in March 2016. The county must initiate these projects before September 30, 2017 per Public Law 112-141 and a directive from then USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack, Press Release No. 01114.15.

A 45-day public comment period will be published in the County's paper of local record, the Blue Mountain Eagle.

The amount for this initiation is: \$85,531.91 as verified by the Grant County Treasurer.

Project 1: Firewise Communities program:

Project 1 is to support, assist and implement the Firewise Communities program in communities in John Day and Canyon City, the Laycock Creek area of the county, and the City of Dayville. \$40,531.91. "To carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires;"

Project 2: Search and Rescue and other emergency services:

Historically, the County has reimbursed between \$7,000 and \$10,000 for Search and Rescue and emergency services back to the County. Because this describes unforeseen services Project 2 is set at \$10,000 based on previously reimbursed amounts. \$10,000.00.

"To reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting, that are performed on national forests 45 days after the date on which the use was published as required in section 302(b) and that are paid for by the participating county; and"

Project 3: CWPP:

Project 3 will be to update the County's Community Wild Fire Protection Plan in coordination with the US Forest Service to include: Umatilla, Whitman, Ochoco, and Malheur Forests. \$35,000.00.

"To develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the Forest Service acting on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture. Monitoring and updating an existing community wildfire protection plan is a reasonable interpretation of 'developing' a plan in a dynamic environment where vegetation and other landscape conditions are continuously changing through natural processes or through humane activity."

The 45-day comment period is opened from the date of publication in the Blue Mountain Eagle, the local paper of record.

Comments must be received by 5:00 pm on October 16, 2017. County residents or individuals wishing to comment on the initiated projects may do so in writing to:

Grant County Court, 201 S. Humbolt, 201 S Humbolt, Canyon City, Oregon 97820

Or by visiting the Grant County website at: www.gcoregonlive2.com and following the links to comment.