

Final Report

Elderly Disabled Defensible Space Project # 1

03-DG-11051150-038

March 31, 2008

General

Plumas County Fire Safe Council and Plumas Corporation carried out this defensible space project around private homes adjacent (or close to) to national forest lands using Secure Rural Schools RAC Title II and Plumas Board of Supervisors Title III funds (Planning only) as well as other private funds. Clients help pay for the work on a sliding scale. The Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of Title III funds on 6/17/03 and the RAC Title II funds' contract use was approved by the Forest Supervisor on 9/2/03. PCFSC solicited for and chose a part-time coordinator for the project subsequent to RAC approval. This report is the final report for this project. The project is continuing with new grants from USFS and others.

A total of 80 units (versus the project goal of 75 units [homes]) were accomplished through 3/31/08. Three were completed by volunteers from Plumas Rural Services during the final quarter.

The RAC contract was extended by USFS until 9/30/07 and will not be further extended. A new contract will be developed for subsequent funding with USFS. There are insufficient funds to do additional units at this time with grant funding since the current grant has been exhausted. The PCFSC requested an additional \$105,000 from the RAC during the previous quarter for Cycle 7 of RAC funding. The RAC approved \$35,000 during their meeting in 9/07.

PCFSC applied to the California Fire Safe Council "Clearinghouse" for \$87,000 to continue the program on 2/13/07. The project was not funded from that source. Title III planning funds (\$25,000) were applied for on 3/15/07 and also did not receive funding. Finally, additional funds were requested from the Plumas RAC and partially approved in late September, 2007 for \$35,000. SF 424 forms have been prepared and forwarded to USFS for the new project.

The former coordinator of the program retired as the previous funding was winding down. PCFSC advertised for and has hired on a new coordinator to begin when the contract for the additional funding is executed.

Defensible Space Sites

PCFSC has continued the process of working with each property owner to first determine both home and applicant eligibility. Subsequently, the coordinator defines the individual project scope, determines the "co-payment" (if any), secures the necessary permits from

CDF [generally homeowner exemptions], solicits bids, hires fuels reduction contractors (who carries out the defensible space work), inspects the results and pays the contractors after successful completions. A total of 75 homes meeting CA PRC 1492 defensible space criteria was the target for this project and that target was met by the end of 2005. The CA PRC 1421 owner responsibility was extended to 100' from the home through a state law change that went into effect 1/1/05.

Financial Accrual Status

Under grant # 03-DG-11051150-038, as of the end of the grant (3/31/08), the Plumas County Fire Safe Council has expensed the entire Title II grant of \$50,000. An additional \$34,500.78 in matching funds has been expensed. The total cumulative costs (all sources) for the project are \$ 84,500.78.

Plumas County Fire Safe Council



ELDERLY/ DISABLED PROGRAM: APPLICATION/SCREENING CHECKLIST

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Yearly income: \$ _____ Source: _____

All chips will be left on the property. Pets to be aware of: _____

Location of any sprinkler heads: _____

Location of the septic tank: _____

Location of the property boundaries: _____

Work needed to be done:

Basic: State law (CA PRC 4291) requires that the roof and the first 30' from the house is clear of all flammable material ("green" plants are acceptable) and from 30' to 100' is either cleared of all flammable material or plants are pruned to an acceptable height (6' to 15' depending upon the slope and conditions) and accumulated pine needles, leaves and other burnable material are of a depth of no more than 4" (depending upon the surrounding vegetation).

Special Circumstances:

I certify that this information on this form to be correct and true. Based upon my income and the sliding scale, I will pay _____% of a maximum of \$1000.00 (to be determined by the Plumas County Fire Safe Council representative according to the accepted bid) to "**Plumas Corporation**" when the defensible work is complete.

Signature _____ Date _____

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