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Proposed Project Summary

Project Name: Defensible Space Assistance

Entity: Amador Resource Conservation District

Date: January 31, 2023

Defensible Space Assistance Program - Pilot

The Defensible Space Assistance Program (DSAP) will be designed to assist homeowners that need to create defensible space, and are not able to do so because of physical, economic or other barriers. This would include the removal of dead and dying trees that are a hazard to inhabited structures. It is imperative that all homeowners maintain at least 100 feet of defensible space around their homes to aid in protecting themselves and their communities from the devastation of wildfire.

The population targeted for the DSAP program is those who are not able to do this work for themselves because of physical, economic, or other barriers. For example, low-income homeowners and physically disabled or elderly individuals who are unable to pay a contractor. The property owner must be the individual to apply for the DSAP Program. Landowners would self-certify that they are a senior and/or qualify as low income.

Services:

- Brush and tree trimming/thinning.
- **Dead/Dying Hazard tree removal, if funding permits and is applicable.**
- Raking of dead leaves and pine needles.
- Chipping of removed vegetation. Chips are left onsite.
- On-site education about effective defensible space.
- Initial one-day defensible space clean up.
- Performed by professional contractors, who are bonded and insured.
- Work will only be completed in the 100 foot zone surrounding the primary structure.

General Program Set-Up

- ARCD hires a contractor on retainer.
- Each Community/FireWise Community would have an application period for landowners to apply for assistance.
 - **For the Pilot we may want to have a County-wide solicitation and rank on the greatest need.**
- Applications are reviewed by ARCD staff.
- Contractor is forwarded applications.
- Contractors supply photos and a bid for each application.
 - Set Defensible Space Assistance Limit of ~\$4000/one day of service (not including hazard tree removal)
 - Set hazard tree removal limit (~\$4000)
- ARCD staff approves the bids.
- Contractors complete the work and provide after photos.

Reference Programs:

- ARCD Tree Mortality Programs
- San Diego Defensible Space Assistance Program
- Tehama Conservation Fund Defensible Space Program
- El Dorado County FSC Residential Hazard Tree Removal Project

Defensible Space Assistance - Draft Budget				
	Cost/Unit	Quantity	Unit	Total \$
Salaries Wages				\$62,300.00
Executive Director (2% FTE)	65	100	hours	\$6,500.00
Project Coordinator (25% FTE)	45	1040	hours	\$46,800.00
Financial Manager (5% FTE)	45	200	hours	\$9,000.00
Contractual				\$415,625.00
Tree Removal	4000	25	Trees	\$100,000.00
Defensible Space	4000	75	landowners	\$300,000.00
Forester/Arborist	125	125	hours	\$15,625.00
Supplies				\$5,000.00
Mileage				\$5,000.00
SUBTOTAL				\$487,925.00
Indirect (10%)				\$48,792.50
Total				\$536,717.50