

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/19/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.E. FIN – "Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities" Grant Application to the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs through the United States Department of Homeland Security
DATE PREPARED: 05/14/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
STAFF LIAISON: Rob Roach, Grant Program and Procurement Manager, rroach@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6165	
DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action to ratify and approve the submission of a \$670,000 grant application under the "Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities" grant opportunity to the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs through the United States Department of Homeland Security, with a federal grant request of \$502,500, with an in-kind match from the City of Buckeye of \$167,500; and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to take all steps necessary to cause the execution and delivery, and carry out the purpose and intent of, said application.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:
Innovative and High Performing Organizations

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Buckeye's Community Services Department seeks to address the non-native invasive plants, which are negatively impacting Skyline Regional Park's ecological health and the safety of adjacent communities through the submission of a grant application that supports the removal of the non-native invasive plants that serve as wildfire fuel. The grant request is \$502,500, with a required in-kind match from the City of Buckeye. The total cost is \$670,000. If awarded, the grant covers a 24-month period. The in-kind match consists of administrative and project labor provided by Buckeye staff members, which represents budgeted payroll. This in-kind match is included in the Community Services General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2027 and is expected to be included in the fiscal year 2028. If awarded, the Award Agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the grant award.

BENEFITS:

If awarded, the fire fuel removal will improve firefighter safety and public safety, reduce wildfire risk to life and property, and improve fire prevention and suppression. This project will reduce risk to the Verrado community and help protect Skyline Regional Park and its users. Additionally, the removal of these plants and weeds will free up vital resources for the native vegetation of Skyline Regional Park, allowing native plants to thrive.

FUTURE ACTION:

If awarded, the Award Agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the grant award. If awarded and after all grant funding has been exhausted, any additional wildfire hazard mitigation maintenance needs will come from the Community Services General Fund account unless additional grant funding opportunities become available, in which case the Grants team will pursue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The "Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities" Grant portion is \$502,500. There is a \$167,500 in-kind match required for this grant. The in-kind match consists of administrative and project labor provided by Buckeye staff members. This in-kind match is included in the Community Services General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2027 and expected to be included in fiscal year 2028. The total project cost is \$670,000. If awarded, the Award Agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the grant award.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

The total fiscal year 2027 cost is estimated to be \$335,000 with \$251,250 reimbursable based on the budget. These figures have been included in the City of Buckeye's Community Services Department General Fund Budget (10004155-510001), and the Grant Budget (35764150-540020) for fiscal year 2027 and expected to be included for fiscal year 2028.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2027 and 2028

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Grant: 35764150-521525, In-Kind Match: 10004151-510001/Community Services

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[CAR Recap Summary - BRIC - White Tank Mtns Wildfire Mitigation Grant Application.docx](#)
[Subapplication - NOI - Wildfire Mitigation WTM.pdf](#)