

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
July 7, 2026	3.e

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo, and City Councilors

FROM: Jeff Adkins, Fire Chief

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration to Accept the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Grant for the Purchase of a UTV-mounted Wildland Fire Suppression Skid Unit and Adopt Resolution 26-26 to Appropriate the Grant Funds

SUMMARY:

The City applied for and was awarded a grant through the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund in the amount of \$5,295 for the purchase of a QTAC 85S slide-in wildland fire suppression unit. The grant funds the suppression unit, while the Fire Department will pay the remaining \$600 shipping cost from its FY27 operating budget. The equipment will improve the department's ability to rapidly suppress vegetation fires in areas inaccessible to traditional fire apparatus, particularly within John Topits Park and other remote areas of the community.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, accept the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Grant in the amount of \$5,295 for the purchase of a UTV-mounted wildland fire suppression skid unit and Adopt Resolution 26-26 to Appropriate the Grant Funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Coos Bay Fire Department responds to numerous vegetation fires each year, particularly within John Topits Park and other locations where access by conventional fire engines is limited. Rapid initial attack is one of the most effective methods of preventing small vegetation fires from growing into larger incidents that threaten homes, parks, and natural resources.

To address this operational need, the department applied for funding through the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund to purchase a QTAC 85S slide-in wildfire suppression skid unit for use in the department's utility terrain vehicle (UTV). The unit includes an 85-gallon baffled water tank, gasoline-powered pump, 75-foot hose reel, and the ability to draft water from nearby sources when available.

The Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund awarded the City \$5,295.00, covering the full purchase price of the suppression unit. The remaining \$600 shipping cost was not eligible under the grant and will be paid from the Fire Department's FY27 operating budget.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Receipt of these grant funds will increase the budget revenues, with adoption of the proposed resolution appropriating those grant funds, increasing expenditures, ensuring the General Fund budget for FY27 remains balanced. Remaining \$600.00 will be paid from the fire department's FY27 operating budget.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Resolution 26-26 Appropriation Authority_Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund.pdf
- MTECH QUOTE QTAC 85S #20026.pdf
- Weyerhaeuser Grant Notification and Guidance.docx