CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors AGENDA NO. **5.E.**

FROM: Jerry Gruber, General Manager

William Hollingsworth, Fire Chief

Meeting Date: April 19, 2018 Subject: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL

OF ASSISTANCE TO

FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM REGIONAL GRANT APPLICATION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

RECOMMENDATIONS: Authorize Fire Chief Hollingsworth to execute the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program Regional Grant Application Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the CCSD and the following participating organizations:

- Cayucos Fire Protection District
- San Miguel Community Services District
- City of San Luis Obispo
- City of Paso Robles
- Templeton Community Services District
- City of Morro Bay
- City of Atascadero

FISCAL IMPACT: Each participating organization is responsible for a 10% cost share. The Regional host is responsible for accountability for all aspects of the grant, including cost share. The proposed Regional Grant Application MOU, a copy of which is attached, specifies that the grant funded equipment will NOT be distributed to respective agencies until the 10% match requirements have been paid. The proposed MOU outlines a contract with the other agencies to collect their share prior to equipment distribution. The total regional cost share would be \$127,968.00. Total fiscal impact to the CCSD is estimated at \$127,968.00, of which the CCSD is responsible for \$20,553.00 (the remainder of the cost share will be reimbursed by the other agencies PRIOR to equipment distribution).

DISCUSSION: In 2017, the CCSD agreed to act as host agency for participating fire departments and apply for a regional grant to replace aging mobile and portable radio equipment. Per the Funding Opportunity Announcement, an MOU between the host agency and any participating agencies must be signed and in place prior to any grant award.

In order to apply for a regional project, the host organization must agree, if awarded, to be responsible for all aspects of the grant. This includes, but is not limited to, cost share, accountability for the assets, and all reporting requirements in the regional application.

All participants of a regional application must be compliant with AFG requirements, including being current with past grants, closeouts, and other reporting requirements. Upon notification by the AFG Program Office, the host agency shall not distribute grant funded assets or provide grant funded contractual services to non-compliant partner organizations.

The MOU specifies the individual and mutual responsibilities of the host and participating partners, the host and participants' level of involvement in the project(s), the participating partners' EIN numbers, and the proposed distribution of all grant funded assets or contracted services. Any entity named in the application as benefiting from the award must be an eligible AFG organization and must be a party to the MOU.

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