

NEVADA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT

Forest Reserve (Title III), Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act

RFA No. 183078 - PART I

Special Operations

ROPE RESCUE

The Technical Rope Rescue team responds to a number of emergencies (medical, rope, water and large animal rescues) in remote areas of Nevada County and mutual aid requests from other areas. All staff is trained to the State Fire Training Rope Rescue Operations level.

CONFINED SPACE

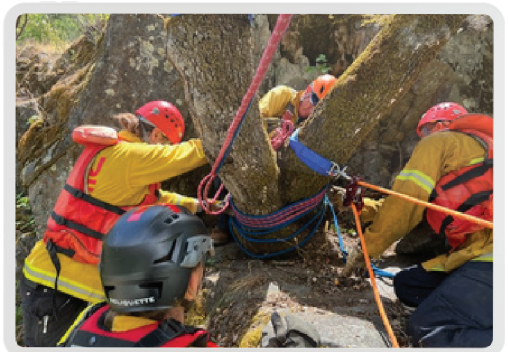
Involves the rescue & recovery of victims trapped in a confined space or places accessible only through confined spaces (underground vaults, silos, sewers.) These rescues are technically challenging due to the narrow, poorly lit environment. All NCC staff is trained to the State Fire Marshal Confined Space Technician level.

SWIFT WATER RESCUE

Well established and recognized as the leading water rescue team in the area. All district staff are trained to the Swift Water Technician level and respond to all emergencies involving moving and flood waters.

COLLAPSE & TRENCH RESCUE

This program is currently in development at NCC Fire. Trench rescue is a specialized form of rescue involving shoring up the sides of a trench and digging a trapped victim out of a collapsed trench. Collapse Rescue is when crews rescue victims from lightweight and heavyweight structural collapses due to natural disasters or human forces.



\$34,300



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RE: Forest Reserve Fund Grants / Special Operations Training

To Whom it May Concern,

Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFD) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of service and ensuring the safety of our community and neighboring agencies. As part of our mission, we have identified the need for special operations training to better serve the constituents and visitors of Nevada County. The terrain and unique challenges of Nevada County necessitate specialized training for emergency responders to effectively handle various situations, including rope rescues, confined space, swift water, large animal, collapse, and trench rescue. Specialized training must be completed to enhance NCCFD personnel's ability to respond to special operations incidents safely and effectively. NCCFD is currently working on being typed as an OES Type III Urban Search & Rescue and a Type III Swift Water Rescue entity to become a regional and state rescue source. The proposal is divided into Specialized Operations Training and Motorized Boat Rescue Operations. Our priority is the Specialized Operations Training.

NCCFD has invested approximately \$19,000.00 in special operations training and has identified an additional \$34,300.00 in specialized training needs. The proposed training programs are conducted by certified instructors with expertise in each specialized area. The training expense breakdown is below:

- Rope Rescue Technician
 - \$8,000.00 (8 people)
- Confined Space Rescue Technician
 - \$3,000.00 (4 people)
- Swift Water Rescue Technician
 - \$4,000.00 (4 people)
- Large Animal Rescue Technician
 - \$1,800.00 (4 people)
- Collapse Rescue 1 and 2
 - \$10,000.00 (8 people)
- Trench Rescue Technician
 - \$7,500.00 (hosted course)

NCCFD will collaborate with neighboring agencies, including law enforcement, search and rescue teams, and medical responders, to enhance interagency coordination during special operations incidents.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our application.

Thank you,

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Entity Description

The Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFD) was formed in July of 1991 by the consolidation of the Gold Flat and Bullion Fire Protection Districts. In January 1993, Alta-Oaks-Sunset Fire District consolidated with NCCFD. Next, the Watt Park Fire Protection District was consolidated in January 1998. The most recent consolidation occurred in October 2003, adding the 49er Fire Protection District to NCCFD. These consolidations improved the service to the citizens that reside within the fire district.

NCCFD is one of the eleven fire districts in Nevada County. NCCFD proudly serves the rural areas of Nevada County surrounding the Cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City. NCCFD is a full-time paid staff district covering 143 square miles of residential, commercial, industrial, and rural areas through five service areas and ten stations. There are four staffed District-owned stations and five un-staffed District-owned stations. We are currently co-staffing Rough & Ready Fire Station 59 with Penn Valley.

NCCFD operates under the mission of providing the highest level of emergency services to our community by valuing its members, promoting positive leadership, and dedicating ourselves to excellence. We owe our residents the highest quality of service possible, characterized by responsiveness, integrity, and professionalism that we continue to strive to improve. NCCFD prides itself on its mission, adjusting to the communities served and recognizing our responsibility to be a leader in the provision of regional and cooperative services among all communities within Nevada County.

NCCFD works with neighboring agencies and will host local joint trainings. One of the classes we plan to host is Trench Rescue, in which NID and Truckee Fire have both voiced interest in participating. This opportunity will promote interoperability while creating a solid baseline to build our program on. The district will leverage its resources and seek partnerships within Nevada County in hopes of expanding our local response and expertise in various fields of special operations.



Special Operations Training Project Description

Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFD) is requesting funding to improve our special operations program within Nevada County. NCCFD aims to further develop the emergency response and capabilities of the fire district to manage specialized incidents within the county, region, and state effectively. The training will enhance the safety and well-being of constituents and responders during specialized incidents. The special operations training will also improve the efficiency and effectiveness of emergency response operations and strengthen interagency collaboration.

The special operations training request is to fund the training necessary to increase the number of personnel certified as technicians for specific rescue operations such as rope rescue, confined space, swift water, large animal, collapse rescue, and trench rescue. NCCFD has started the training process for our members and incurred costs of approximately \$19,000.00 in tuition and travel expenses. As we work towards becoming a Type III Urban Search and Rescue and Type II Swift Water Rescue for Cal OES to utilize, we need to continue to train more qualified members.

The training programs are designed to meet the specific needs of each special operation and include both classroom instruction and hands-on exercises. The training instructors are certified with expertise in each specialized area and will conduct the training to ensure that personnel receive high-quality instruction. These specialized classes have high tuition and are typically located out of the area, adding lodging and fuel to the costs required to attend. As more personnel complete specialized operations training, the district is developing and updating policies to provide clear guidance on responding to and managing specialized incidents safely and effectively.

The project will be regularly evaluated to ensure personnel get the needed training by June 2026, to ensure the grant funds are expended per the requirements.



Special Operations Budget and Financials

Nevada County Consolidated Fire District requests \$34,300.00 to complete special operations training for approximately 28 personnel. The table below shows the course, the number of personnel we would like to send to the training with grant funds, and how many personnel have already taken the course this fiscal year.

The grant funds we request are for the training course only; although many of these courses are not local, the district will pay for transportation and lodging.

Course Name	Course Cost per person	# of personnel in grant request	# of personnel already taken
Rope Rescue Technician	\$1,000.00	8	3
Confined Space Rescue Technician	\$750.00	4	0
Swift Water Rescue Technician	\$1,000.00	4	2
Large Animal Rescue Technician	\$450.00	4	4
Collapse Rescue 1 & 2	\$1,250.00	8	4
Trench Rescue Technician	\$7,500.00	Hosted Course	0