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Contract NO. PESN3964 Extension Request

Dear Steve,

We would like to formally request an extension of our Access and Functional Needs service contract with the County of Nevada. As the purpose of the program is to assist qualified low-income seniors and disabled with their defensible space, the process of soliciting and qualifying applicants that meet the financial requirements has presented delays due to limited participation. Simply stated, many who may qualify for the AFN program are unaware of the newly available funding for the program and we have received limited complete applications in our office.

Fire Safe Council of Nevada County is working closely with the Office of Emergency Services staff, our local Fire Districts and other non-profit partners that frequently engage the AFN community, with the intent to build awareness about the return of available funding. A series of press releases, social media messaging and program engagements have been scheduled to find qualified applicants that are most in need of our program. While FSC has a multitude of existing applicants that have been previously approved for AFN funding, they are married to other funding opportunities in progress and cannot be reassigned to this funding opportunity. We currently have qualified 5 applicants to date for the AFN contract and work will be completed this month on those properties. We anticipate a 60-day extension will allow for the solicitation, intake, and approval of the remaining applicants. Once approved, work will be completed expeditiously as our schedule and crews are eagerly awaiting approved participants.

Extending the deadline for 60 days will allow these Access and Functional Needs applicants who are most at risk and in need to receive the necessary defensible space clearing. While the end of fire season is perceived as a calendar date, historically the worst fires in California occur in the months of September, October, and November. FSC clearly understands the urgency in which qualified participants need to be serviced.

Project Extension Request

Project Number: NO. PESN3964
Project funded dollar amount: \$50,317
Extension date requested 10/30/2020

We sincerely appreciate your consideration on behalf of those in need of defensible space clearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jamie Jones
Executive Director
Fire Safe Council of Nevada County