JACKSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3



RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO APPLY FOR A SOLAR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION GRANT THROUGH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

WHEREAS, the District has continued forward momentum in our efforts to take action on the sustainability initiative in our adopted Strategic Plan (Initiative 2 - Ensure sustainability of service delivery by efficient use of our people, facilities, fleet and finances); and

WHEREAS, in support of this work the District has identified a competitive grant opportunity through the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) that could fund a comprehensive renewable energy and energy resiliency planning effort for all District facilities and sites; and

WHEREAS, the objective of this planning grant is to identify the most cost effective sites for solar installations, opportunities for solar plus micro-grid/storage and partnership potential for community solar projects that benefit both the District and the communities served while also developing a strategy for prioritization, financing and the ultimate installation of projects; and

WHEREAS, within the same grant cycle, the ODOE also has a solar construction grant opportunity that the District would like to pursue to leverage funds recently appropriated in the 2022-23 fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, the planning grant offers up to 100% of the cost of the project while the construction grant has a maximum award of 50% of the project cost, thus substantially reducing the District's cost associated with the currently identified project being evaluated; and

WHEREAS, both grant opportunities require formal approval from the governing body as an application submittal requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Jackson County Fire District 3 hereby authorizes the District to pursue grant opportunities with the ODOE and submit applications for the planning and construction grants being offered under the ODOE.

Date adopted: June 16, 2022

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