



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

June 16, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize the Town Manager to create and implement a vegetation management grant program to assist lower income households and allocate an initial \$25,000 to the program.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Town Manager to create and implement a vegetation management grant program to assist senior and lower income households and allocate an initial \$25,000 to the program.

DISCUSSION

The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) is conducting Chipper Day events for every Fairfax neighborhood from May thru September. MWPA is also in the process of developing a grant program to assist senior and lower income households with brush clearance on their properties. However, since the MWPA program is not available yet, Vice-Mayor Hellman and Councilmember Goddard discussed the creation of a local program at the Council's budget workshop.

Staff has had discussions with FIREsafe Marin and Ross Valley Fire Department regarding program parameters. Our goal is to develop a program that is similar to other programs that may be available to all Ross Valley residents in the future as well as is simple to apply for and is streamlined to administer. Staff is still in the process of developing the program parameters and will distribute a supplemental staff report prior to the Council meeting with specific program recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed FY21-22 budget has \$25,000 allocated for such a program in Fund 01-715.

ATTACHMENT

None