



**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: AIMEE NEW, FIRE CHIEF**

**DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2019**

**RE: USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT; VEHICLE REPLACEMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Consideration for City Council pass and adopt Resolution Number 12-02-2019-A, supporting the Fire Department's USDA Rural Development grant application for Fire Command vehicle replacement and authorization for the Fire Chief to sign any and all grant documents, including application, agreement, and subsequent amendments.

**BACKGROUND:**

The USDA Rural Development Community Program provides grants to assist in the development of community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 population. Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services, and may include the purchase of equipment required for facilities operation. Grant assistance depends upon, among other factors, the median household income and the population in the community.

**DISCUSSION:**

There is a need to replace old and high mileage fire vehicle in our fleet. Currently, three of our vehicles designated for prevention and emergency response use are Mercury and Ford with manufacturing dates between 2001 and 2009. Two of these vehicles have an excess of 100,000 miles of wear, with the highest mileage vehicle at 110,000 miles. These high mileage vehicles are becoming costly to maintain, replacement parts are becoming unavailable, and there is a concern that untimely breakdowns could negatively affect the safety of the community and the safety of our responding personnel. The community share funding will be from the Fire 399 Account.

The City has previously participated in the USDA Community Facilities Grant Program to assist with the acquisition of two Patrol Vehicles in 2009, and before that, two Fire Response Vehicles in 2008.

# **Resolution Number 12-2-2019-A**

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION THERETO**

WHEREAS, the USDA Rural Development Community Program provides grants to assist in the development of community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 population; and

WHEREAS, these grants funds may be used to purchase equipment required for facilities operation; and

WHEREAS, the Sonora Fire Department's fleet includes three vehicles designated for prevention and emergency response that have high mileage and are costly to maintain; and

WHEREAS, the Sonora Fire Department has identified the replacement of the fire prevention vehicle as its most urgent need at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM:

1. The City of Sonora Council has reviewed an application under the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program for the replacement of Fire Department Vehicle, and
2. The City of Sonora Council hereby agrees to comply with all assurances executed in connection with the application and, if awarded, the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council that the City of Sonora hereby approves an application for the following:

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program to replace one Fire Department Vehicle.

Federal Share:	\$ 52,600.00
Community Share:	\$ 17,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire Chief is hereby authorized and directed to act on the City's behalf in matters pertaining to this project and to sign any and all associated documents including the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution by the Sonora City Council at a meeting held by the City Council on the 2nd day of December, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

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NOES:

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ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: December 2, 2019

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James M. Garaventa, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Colette Such, City Clerk Pro Tem