



The Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS Act) was reauthorized by Public Law (P.L.) 115-141 and signed into law by the President on March 23, 2018.

Per P.L. 115-141 and an update directive from the US Forest Service from May 1, 2018, the county must initiate these projects before September 30, 2021. Following a 45-day public comment period, the funds must be obligated by September 30, 2022.

The 45-day public comment period starts on May 26, 2021 with publication in the County's newspaper of local record, the Blue Mountain Eagle, broadcast on radio station KJDY and posted on Grant County's website.

Comments can be delivered in person or mailed to Grant County Court, 201 S Humbolt, Suite 280, Canyon City OR 97820. Email comments to puckettk@grantcounty-or.gov.

Comments must be received by 5:00 pm PST, on Monday, July 12, 2021.

The amount for this initiation is \$74,089.77 per the letter to the Grant County Treasurer dated April 13, 2021. Funds were received by Grant County on April 12, 2021 and have been verified by the Grant County Treasurer.

Authorized Uses: The following uses were authorized under P.L. 151-141 to Title III payments to states:

- 1) To carry out activities under the activities of the Firewise Communities program;
- 2) To reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting and law enforcement patrols;
- 3) To cover training costs and equipment purchases directly related to the emergency service described in paragraph (2); and
- 4) To develop and carry out community wildfire protection plans.

Project 1: Firewise Communities Program \$25,000.00

“To carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires.”

Project 2: Search and Rescue (Sheriff’s Office) \$15,000.00
 Emergency Management Services \$9,089.77

“To reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting and law enforcement patrols, that are performed on national forests 45 days after the date on which the use was published as required in section 302 (b) and that are paid for by the participating county. To cover training costs and equipment purchases directly related to the emergency services described in the above paragraph.”

Project 3: County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) \$25,000

“To develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the Forest Service acting on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture. Monitoring and updating an existing community wildfire protection plan is a reasonable interpretation of the ‘developing’ a plan in a dynamic environment where vegetation and other landscape conditions are continuously changing through natural processes or through human activity.” Includes Umatilla, Walla Walla/Whitman, Ochoco and Malheur National Forests.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Revenue:	Title III – April 2021	\$74,089.77
Expenses:	Firewise Communities Program	\$25,000.00
	Search & Rescue	\$15,000.00
	Emergency Management	\$9,089.77
	<u>Community Wildfire Protection Plan</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	Total	\$ 74,089.77