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To: Clackamas County Board of Commissioners (BCC)
From: Daniel Nibouar, Interim Director, Department of Disaster Management
Subject: Secure Rural Schools Title III Funding Report

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on funds the County has received through the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Title III projects, and report on the eligible projects funded through Disaster Management supported programs. **No decisions needed; informational update only.**

Secure Rural Schools Program Overview

The Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program is administered through the United States Department of Agriculture through the Forest Service. A portion of Forest Service funds generated through activities such as grazing, timber production, and special use permits are distributed to counties to support local infrastructure, municipal services and hazard mitigation. Payments are divided into three areas, or Titles: Title I for roads and schools, Title II for projects on Federal lands, and Title III for County projects.

Funds received under Title III are eligible to:

- (1) carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program to provide to homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education and assistance with implementing Firewise programs and techniques for home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires;
- (2) reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting and law enforcement patrols, that are:
 - (A) performed on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved under; and
 - (B) paid for by the participating county;
- (3) cover training costs and equipment purchases directly related to the emergency services described in above section (2);
- (4) develop and carry out community wildfire protection plans;
- (5) provide or expand access to:
 - (A) broadband telecommunications services at local schools; or
 - (B) the technology and connectivity necessary for students to use a digital learning tool at or outside of a local school campus.

Program Funding Report

In the County's Fiscal Year 21-22, Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program Title III funds moved to the Disaster Management budget. From County Fiscal Year 2018 through 2022 Disaster Management has received and retained approximately \$597,959.59 in total funding through the SRS Program to expend on the authorized uses. To date, Disaster Management has utilized \$174,115.42 to support eligible projects in Sections 1 and 3, described in detail below. There is \$423,844.17 available to be spent until September 30, 2025 and will go to continued fuels reduction, wildfire mitigation and Firewise Community Assistance projects in alignment with SRS



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Title III program criteria. Finance will be submitting the annual required certification to the Federal Government following this update.

Summary of Projects Completed

Through collaboration between Disaster Management and the Clackamas County fire districts, the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program Title III funds have been used to support fire response, community engagement and mitigation activities within local Firewise community assistance programs. Below is a summary of these efforts within each eligible program area.

- **Fire Response and Training**
Throughout the 2021 fire season, Clackamas County fire crews were able to gain valuable experience through training and response activities. Crews deployed for 21 days as additional resources for project fires to support personnel training. Fire crews were utilized to support fire response efforts serving 16 days on the Elbow Creek Fire and 5 days on the Bull Complex as a Hand Crew Module.
- **Community Outreach**
Sandy Fire & Rescue, Estacada Fire & Rescue, Hoodland Fire & Rescue, Colton Fire & Rescue and Clackamas Conservation & Soil collaborated to support community engagement campaigns to raise awareness for local Firewise programs, increase defensible space and ignition resistance of their homes and community and to reduce local wildfire risks.
- **Firewise Community Assistance**
The 2021 Clackamas County Firewise Project was conducted from June 2020 through December 2020. While COVID-19 severely restricted the ability of local fire agencies to attend community events and despite ongoing challenges with increasingly longer and more intense fire season, 28 fuels reduction projects were completed. Government Camp completed 24 within the Mt. Hood community, with the remaining projects distributed in other rural areas throughout Clackamas County. The project also helped 27 additional landowners remove and chip large piles of debris from their properties. In total 55 landowners were assisted with fuels reduction projects.

Future SRS Title III Projects

Disaster Management will coordinate with regional partners to identify and offer eligible fuels reduction, wildfire mitigation and Firewise Community Assistance projects in alignment with SRS Title III program criteria.

Attachments:

1. Title III Certification Calendar Year 2022 - Department of the Interior (unsigned draft)
2. Title III Certification Calendar Year 2022 - Department of Agriculture (unsigned draft)

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
Certification of Title III expenditures by participating county

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act), reauthorized in Public Law 117-58 and Public Law 117-102, requires the appropriate official of a county that receives funds under Title III of the Act to submit to the Secretary concerned (the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate) an annual certification that the funds expended have been used for the uses authorized under section 302(a) of the Act. The Secretary concerned also is requiring the appropriate official to certify the amount of Title III funds received since October 2008 that have not been obligated as of September 30 of the previous year.

The appropriate official of each participating county may use this form (see page 2) to report information to meet the requirements of the Act. **Certification must be made by February 1 following each year Title III funds are being held or spent/obligated by the county.** Certain counties in Oregon receive Title III payments initiated by both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior. If the county received Secure Rural Schools Act Title III payments from more than one agency, the county must certify separately to each Secretary regarding the separate payment initiated by that agency. Submit the certification to the appropriate address below for the respective agency.

All counties expending Title III funds received from Forest Service payments are to submit the annual certification by one of the following methods:

E-Mail (Preferred)	Mail	FAX:
SM.FS.asc_asr@usda.gov	U.S. Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center, B&F Attn: Funds Control/ASR 101B Sun Avenue NE Albuquerque, NM 87109	877-684-1422 ATTN: ASR

Certain counties in western Oregon expending Title III funds received from payments from the Department of Interior for lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management are to submit a separate annual certification about the separate Title III funds by one of the following methods:

E-mail:	Mail	FAX:
Kevin Ford kford@blm.gov	Secretary of the Interior c/o BLM Oregon State Office State Director Office (OR931) Attn: Secure Rural Schools Coordinator P.O. Box 2965 Portland, OR 97208	503-808-6021

Certification to Department of Agriculture
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**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
County's Certification of Title III Expenditures and Unobligated Funds
Required by Law under Section 302(a) of the Act**

Name of participating County and State :	Clackamas County, Oregon
Calendar year for which this report is submitted:	2022

TITLE III BALANCE	
Remaining unspent/unobligated balance from the year being reported above:	\$ 88,245.19

EXPENDITURES	
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year to carry out authorized activities under the Firewise Communities program:	\$ 174,115.42
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year to reimburse the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services performed on Federal land and paid for by the county, including firefighting and law enforcement patrols:	\$ 0
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year to cover training costs and equipment purchases directly related to the emergency services:	\$ 0
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year to develop community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary:	\$ 0
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year on (A) broadband telecommunications services at local schools; or (B) the technology and connectivity necessary for students to use a digital learning tool at or outside of a local school campus:	\$ 0
Total amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year for authorized uses:	\$ 174,115.42

FUNDS NOT SPENT/OBLIGATED	
Balance of Title III funds received since October 2008 (not spent/obligated):	\$ 242,676.33

CERTIFICATION	
<p>The expenditures reported above were for the uses authorized under section 302(a) of the Act. The proposed uses had a publication and comment period and were submitted to the appropriate Secure Rural Schools Act resource advisory committee(s) as required in Section 302(b) of the Act.</p> <p>The amounts reported as unobligated on September 30 are accurate and consistent with the county's accounting practices.</p> <p>Signature of certifying official: _____</p>	
Print or type name and title of certifying official: Joseph Rosevear, Grants Manager	Date of certification:
Certifying Official Contact Information	
E-Mail: JRosevear@clackamas.us	
Phone: 503-742-5429	
Address, including City, State, Zip: <p style="text-align: center;">Clackamas County Department of Finance 2051 Kaen Road, Suite 490 Oregon City, OR 97045</p>	

Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0220. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 24 hours annually per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). TDD users can contact USDA through local relay or the Federal relay at (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (relay voice). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Calendar year for which this report is submitted:	2022

TITLE III BALANCE	
Remaining unspent/unobligated balance from the year being reported above:	\$ 66,716.12

EXPENDITURES	
Amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year to carry out authorized activities under the Firewise Communities program:	\$ 0
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Total amount of Title III funds spent/obligated this year for authorized uses:	\$ 0

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