



City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

Memorandum



DATE: January 21, 2021

TO: Governing Body

VIA: Jarel LaPan Hill, City Manager
Mary McCoy, Finance Department Director
Bernadette Salazar, Human Resources Director
Paul Babcock, Fire Chief

FROM: Brian Moya, Assistant Fire Chief

ITEM AND ISSUE:

Request for the Approval of 15 Temporary Seasonal Wildland employees. bjmoya@santafenm.gov (505)955-3111.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

For several years now the state has been in a severe drought with the need to utilize our Wildland Section throughout spring and fall drought season. The Wildland Section was developed in the Fire Department approximately 10 years ago and has existed through grants. This year grants were not available, therefore we have requested available funds in the General Fund through the Human Resources Department. The Fire Department is requesting approval to hire 15 Seasonal employees. This includes 4 Wildland Sawyers and 11 Wildland Forestry Technicians. The Season normally begins in April through the fall. These employees provide outreach services to our constituents doing property fuel mitigation and assessments to advise the constituents how to prevent fires around their house.

The Wildland Section has partnered with the Santa Fe Water shed and provide assistance with property hazard assessments. They also provide Fire suppression resource for the water shed, fuel mitigation projects for the water shed and provide advice for prescribes burns within the water shed. When they have down time they get assigned to other city division to assess and clean weeds and fire hazards around city buildings.

This group also provides assistance to other neighboring cities, counties and states with wildfires. Through Wildfire Hazard Agreements they also provide support to the Forest Service, Forest Guild and National Park Service.

PROCUREMENT METHOD:

Budget Adjustment Request moving funds from Human Resources to the Fire Department budget.

CONTRACT NUMBER:

N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

Fund Name/Number: General Fund/Fund 100

Munis Org Name/Number: Fire- Wildland/1000173

Munis Object Name/Number: Salary (temporary)/500750

ACTION REQUESTED:

Fire Department respectfully requests approval to hire seasonal employee's as described above.