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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

**FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Benefit Cost Analysis**

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The Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) invites you to submit a proposal to develop a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) for FEMA Grant DR-4407-0497.

**Project Overview**

Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) has been awarded a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA Grant DR-4407-0497 will fund a program to reduce future fires' rate of spread, intensity, and hazard to homes and infrastructure by creating defensible space and fuels reduction for participants across the Butte County wildland urban-interface (WUI) area. The program will be available to residences within 500' of officially designated main evacuation routes and within the unincorporated areas of Butte County. Overall, the project will conduct defensible space inspections and identify the locations of hazardous trees within 300' of a homesite and within 500' of evacuation routes.

The grant has two phases. The purpose of Phase 1 is to build a solid foundation for the program and to identify up to 1,400 homesites for defensible space inspections and identify hazardous trees at up to 1,200 sites. For the grant application, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) calculated the estimated benefit cost analysis (BCA). One of the deliverables for Phase 1 is to provide a BCA using the actual properties qualified for this grant. BCA is a method that determines the future risk reduction benefits of a hazard mitigation project and compares those benefits to its costs. The successful firm shall be able to reference examples of a completed BCA for a FEMA grant done in a timely manner. The selected firm shall develop the BCA and prepare associated report documentation regarding the BCA findings, recommendations, and conclusion. The goal and objective for BCA is to provide a credible and favorable argument for project cost effectiveness, using the FEMA BCA model.

**If interested, please email Ron Ward at [ron\\_ward@buttefiresafe.net](mailto:ron_ward@buttefiresafe.net) for a full copy of the RFP. For questions and other information, please call 530-877-0984.**