



CITY OF RAPID CITY

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To: Rapid City Legal and Finance Committee

Subject: 2014 WSFM State Fire Assistance Grant

The Rapid City Fire Department is asking for permission from the City of Rapid City to apply for and accept a \$300,000 grant offered by the Western States Fire Managers (WSFM) as part of their Wildland Urban Interface State Fire Assistance grant program. This grant would provide dollars necessary to mitigate heavy buildup of hazardous fuels in the primary wildland urban interface zone of Rapid City.

The RCFD will utilize these grant funds to supplement the programs currently in place under the Rapid City Urban Interface Management Plan and the *Survivable Space Initiative*. Current dollars allocated by Rapid City for these programs, as well as in kind dollars will suffice for part of the match requirement. Homeowner contributions, typically in the 50% cost share range, will also satisfy the match requirements of the grant and will consist of \$255,000 for the project.

These programs are, as you know, vital in our efforts to try and reduce the effects of severe wildland fires in our community.

Sincerely,

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