



**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

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Agenda Item No. 11

TO: Town Council

FROM: Lizbeth Lemley and Amy Ward

FOR: Town Council Regular Meeting

DATE: March 20, 2025

RE: Community Forestry Program, Supplemental Budget Request

Summary

Subsequent to the 2025 budget adoption, the Town received a grant of \$825,000 to be used towards completion of a significant portion of the Community Scale, Shaded fuel break project. Work must be completed by March 31, 2029, to receive the full amount of the grant reimbursement. The Forestry Management team feels the work planned for 2025 will need to be expanded to ensure the project is completed by the grant deadline. The approved budget included \$350,000 in forestry management expenses.

Background

We have recently received notice from the Colorado State Forest Service that TMV's Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant (FRWRM) request was successful and TMV will be awarded \$825,000.00 over the next 4 years to complete a significant portion of the Community Scale, Shaded fuel break project. The FRWRM grant will provide 50% matching funds, up to \$825,000, to complete wildfire mitigation work over 43.8 acres on the project's most difficult to access and steepest terrain located below the Town Shop, along Jurassic Trail, and below See Forever Resort.

The 50% FRWRM matching funds grant award has escalated the productivity that will be required to complete the work by the deadline of March 31, 2029. The grant requires full completion of acres according to the Colorado State Forest Service prescription before the Town may be reimbursed. Reimbursements may be received incrementally. To complete the grant defined scope of work, the Town must fully complete 11 acres per year of wildfire mitigation by removing or processing all the standing dead and down materials within a contiguous area. This will require scaling up the tree felling, helicopter work, and slash processing by 100% or more from last year. To successfully scale up the work and double productivity, the Forestry Division is requesting an additional \$200,000 be added to the forestry budget in 2025. We plan to contract helicopter work for two time periods this summer, once in June and once in late fall. We also plan to contract with the Southwest Conservation Corps for an additional field crew for 8-12 weeks this summer. This additional budget allows us to cover those expenses until the work plan is verified complete and the Town can be reimbursed. This \$200,000 falls within the grant award annual average of \$206,250.00 over the next 4 years.

This budget increase will allow the Town to scale up forestry operations to ensure 100% of the available grant funding by the end of the 4-year grant deadline.

Motions

- If Council approves of moving forward with the boiler replacements:

I make a motion **to approve** the Resolution Appropriating Additional Sums of Money for the 2025 Budget Year to be used for forestry management.

- If Council does not wish to move forward with the boiler replacements:

I make a motion **to deny** the Resolution Appropriating Additional Sums of Money for the 2025 Budget Year to be used for forestry management.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN
VILLAGE, COLORADO APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY FOR
THE 2025 BUDGET YEAR**

Resolution No. 2025-____ - __

Recitals:

WHEREAS, The Town of Mountain Village (“Town”) is a home rule municipality duly organized and existing under Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the Town of Mountain Village Home Rule Charter of 1995, as amended (“Charter”); and

WHEREAS, The Town of Mountain Village Town Council adopted the 2025 annual budget on December 12, 2025, in accordance with Colorado law, and the Town Council made provision therein for revenues equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures; and

WHEREAS, The Town has been awarded an \$825,000 grant to complete a significant portion of the Community Scale, Shaded fuel break project by March 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council desires to appropriate supplemental funds in 2025 to ensure the project is completed by the grant deadline of March 31, 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings of the Town Council in support of the enactment of this resolution.

Section 2. Appropriation. The following sums are hereby supplementally appropriated to the following fund for the stated purpose:

General Fund - Forestry Management	\$200,000
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Section 3. Severability. If any part or provision of this Resolution is adjudged to be unenforceable or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, it being the Ton Council’s intention that the various provisions hereof are severable.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of March 2025.

**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE,
COLORADO, a home-rule municipality**

By: _____
Martinique Prohaska, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Johnston, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
David McConaughy, Town Attorney