

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 13 - 2023

A resolution allocating/obligating Title III funds to and Search & Rescue

WHEREAS, Title III authorizes uses of the funds as set out in Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 [Public Law 106-393; October 30, 2000, 116 Stat. 1607] [As Amended through P.L. 117-58, Enacted November 15, 2021]; and

WHEREAS, authorized uses include cost reimbursement of activities on Federal Forest Land to carry out Fire Wise Community Programs, Search & Rescue services, and to cover training costs and equipment purchases directly related to emergency services performed on Federal Forest Land and paid for by the participating county; and

WHEREAS, on October 4-5, 2023 and October 11-12, 2023 Okanogan County published, in the legal newspaper of record, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for projects or activities performed on Federal Forest Land that qualify under the Act in order to consider obligation of the county's Title III funds for use in 2024; and

WHEREAS, one proposal was received from Okanogan County Search and Rescue and the proposal was available for comment for a 45-day period to receive comments on the obligation of the county's Title III funds; and

WHEREAS, Okanogan County Commissioners held a public meeting on November 20, 2023 to review the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 requires that the county notify the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture of the county's decision regarding the allocation of Title III funds for eligible purposes and submit the proposal to any Resource Advisory Committee for the participating county and certify use of Title III funds by February 1 of the following year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Okanogan County Board of Commissioners' hereby allocates/obligates \$128,000 of its Title III funds for eligible cost reimbursements in 2024 to:


Okanogan County Search & Rescue, in accordance with the Act \$128,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Okanogan County Board of Commissioners' hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to notify the appropriate state agencies of this decision and to prepare the corresponding contract/MOU between the County and the awarded agency.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 23 day of January 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

ATTEST:



Laleña Johns, CMC
Clerk of the Board





Jon Neal, Chairman



Andy Hoyer, Member



Chris Branch, Member