

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Chris Goy, Central Services Director
DATE: March 6, 2023
RE: Public Notice: re: Notice of 45-Day Comment Period for Title III Projects Under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act

STATEMENT OF ISSUE: There is a need to open a 45-day comment period beginning March 6th, 2023 for Title III projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act.

ANALYSIS: Jefferson County transmitted a request for proposals on February 9th, 2023 to qualified and experienced professional consulting firms or individuals to provide community wildfire protection planning services. According to the U.S. Forest Service, County activities to implement a community wildfire protection plan are authorized uses of Title III funds. In preparation for a firm to be selected to conduct the work of developing Community Wildfire Protection Plan(s) for the citizens of Jefferson County, a public notice of a 45-day comment period of the use of Title III funds must be distributed before such funds can be used for such a purpose.

FISCAL IMPACT: Title III funds are received and kept separate from General Fund dollars. With respect to the General Fund, this potential allocation of Title III funds (Fund 147) is budget neutral. Up to \$180,000 in Title III funds may be spent for the purposes of the development and implementation of Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Commissioners approve and sign the public notice.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

3/1/23
Date

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Jefferson County

IN THE MATTER OF A PUBLIC NOTICE }
OF 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD FOR TITLE III }
PROJECTS UNDER THE SECURE RURAL } RESOLUTION NO.
SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF }
DETERMINATION ACT }

WHEREAS, there is a need to open a 45-day period beginning March 6, 2023 for Title III projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a 45-day comment period beginning March 6, 2023 for Title III projects and those persons who would like to provide comments on the Title III projects may do so by sending their comments to Board of County Commissioners. Written public testimony may be submitted by **Email to:** jeffbocc@co.jefferson.wa.us; by **Mail to:** Jefferson County Commissioners' Office; PO Box 1220, Port Townsend, WA 98368; or **In Person to:** Jefferson County Commissioners' Office, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Testimony must be received by the Board of County Commissioners by the end of the public comment period.

APPROVED this 6th day of March, 2023.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Greg Brotherton, Chair

Heidi Eisenhour, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Kate Dean, Member

NOTICE OF 45 DAY COMMENT PERIOD

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the JEFFERSON COUNTY, Washington, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will open a 45-day comment period beginning March 6, 2023. The Commissioners will have available for public review at the Jefferson County Commissioners' Office, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368, copies of the proposed Title III potential projects in the form of a Request for Proposals and the response for the selected firm as available. The 2023 potential award amounts and projects are as follows:

PROJECT TITLES	2023 POTENTIAL AWARD
Jefferson County Community Wildfire Protection Plans	Up to \$180,000
TOTALS	Up to \$180,000

Those persons who would like to provide comments on these projects may do so by sending their comments to the Jefferson County Commissioners' Office, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98363 by April 19th, 2023.

DATED this 6th day of March, 2023

Greg Brotherton, Chair of the BOCC

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