The Rapid City Fire Department is requesting permission to apply for and accept the continuation of funding through the Bureau of Land Management’s Community Assistance Program that supports the Veteran’s Fuels Crew under the Wildfire Mitigation Program within the Fire and Life Safety Division.

Agreement L22AS00202 would be a new, five-year continuation of the closing Agreement L19AC00041 that has provided funding for three years to the program. The City has participated in this program through previous agreements since 2013. This program would continue to provide many benefits to Rapid City, including additional employment opportunities designed to return military veterans to the public service workforce, provide public education on promoting a fire-adapted community, and greatly reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire impacts by fuels reduction efforts set forth by the City’s Survivable Space Initiative.

Agreement L22AS00202 will provide a minimum of $125,000 to the program for year 2022, and proposed equal or greater funds each of the following four years (5 years total) up to $1,000,000. The agreement requires no matching funding, however any and all City contributions towards the program will improve increase chances of additional funding.

This program is nationally recognized for its success and serves as an integral contribution to the many services the Rapid City Fire Department provides to our community.

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