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Josh Hudson
Grants Program Coordinator
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Dear Grants Program Coordinator Hudson:

The Northwest Fire District (NWFD) serves Arizona's communities by protecting 156 square miles in unincorporated Pima County, the Town of Marana, and an estimated 135,865 residents.

I am writing to support NWFD's Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) Grant application, which, if awarded, will provide safety equipment to the district.

This Grant will be used to purchase battery-operated fans and tools to improve safety standards for firefighters and emergency response units in the field. Currently, NWFD operates 16-year-old gas-powered exhaust fans, which are bulky and increase hazards for responding firefighters in the fire suppression environment.

The replacement battery-powered exhaust fans are much lighter and more maneuverable, reducing the risk of injury to firefighters when transporting and deploying the equipment.

The battery-operated fans and complementary tools and accessories (grinders, reciprocating saws, spare batteries, and chargers) provide additional benefits of eliminating noise and trip hazards.

With DFFM grant funding, the district can implement battery-powered ventilation fans and tools throughout the entire front-line fleet, providing a safer, more efficient environment to firefighters and first responders and ensuring that NWFD fulfills its mission to the community.

For these reasons, I support the grant application submitted by Northwest Fire District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teresa Martinez", written over a horizontal line.

Representative Teresa Martinez