

December 18, 2025

Finance Report

WKRFA

	Fund	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Ending Balance
1	General 615.1	400,075.07	1,621,939.50	1,831,210.58	190,803.99
2	Capital 615.3	1,202.23	363,833.18	361,833.18	2,412.43
4	Invested Gen	1,509,502.24	1,509,502.24	1,760,000.00	1,760,000.00
5	Invested CAP	361,833.18	361,833.18	361,833.18	361,833.18

1. GENERAL EXPENSE FUND 615.1: See 2025 Operating Budget table and graphs.

General Expenditure Scripts for approval

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
11/19/25	184.77	12/11/25	11,018.01
11/25/25	749.63	12/11/25	147.76
12/03/25	9,000.89	12/15/25	1,154.37
12/08/25	24,023.89		
12/11/25	8,212.90		

2. CAPITAL FUND 615.3: See 2025 Capital summary.

Capital Expenditure Scripts for Approval

Date	Amount

3. Internal Review and Reconciliation

	Date	By
Treasurer's Report	12/15/25	Commissioner Virts
Auditor's Report	12/15/25	"
Credit Card	12/15/25	"
Petty Cash	12/15/25	"
Payroll	12/15/25	"
General Deposits	12/15/25	"

2025 Operating Budget

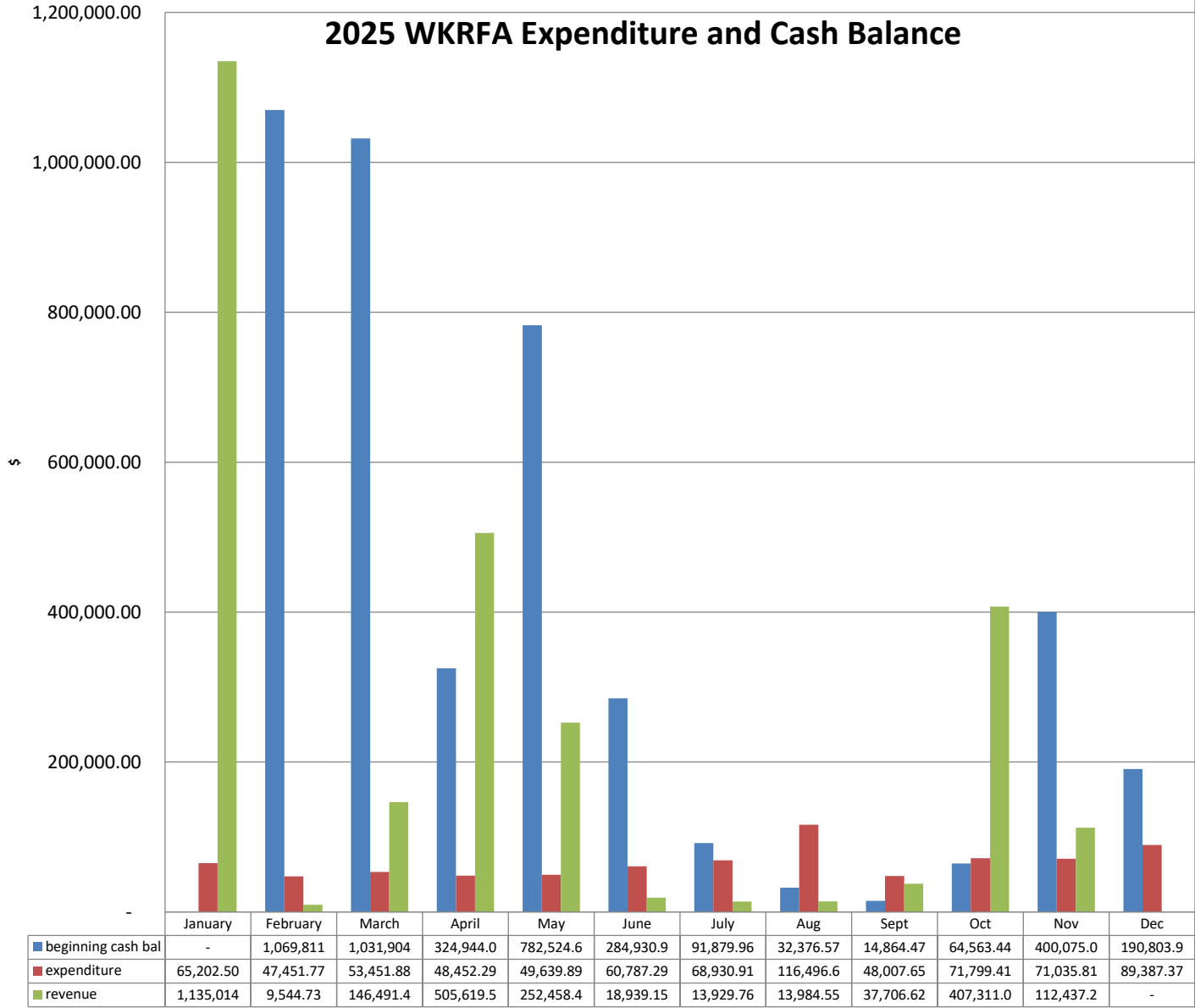
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This budget sheet is connected to the expenditure spreadsheet.

BUDGET 2025 West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority

CATEGORY	Original Budget	December expenditure	Expenditure YTD	Balance	% Used	NOTES
Salaries & Wages + employee paid benefits	611,178.01	33,471.20	339,405.44	271,772.57	56%	795,844.92
Benefits (excluding employee paid)	184,666.91	1,423.95	74,540.88	110,126.03	40%	Salary/Wage/benefits become skewed as mobilizations are paid and reimbursements are not reflected.
Volunteer Stipend	87,200.00	20,533.04	25,381.41	61,818.59	29%	
Volunteer Disability/Pension/lifeflight	19,930.00	-	10,777.82	9,152.18	54%	
Volunteer Recognition	3,600.00	-	3,781.96	(181.96)	105%	Overage does not reflect funds received from BVFF for meals
Office Expense/Supplies	12,000.00	1,587.05	9,230.13	2,769.87	77%	
Professional Services	33,000.00	6,124.14	47,323.63	(14,323.63)	143%	
Insurance (Enduris)	70,000.00	-	59,546.00	10,454.00	85%	
Communications	2,560.00	960.77	3,432.32	(872.32)	134%	
Advertising	1,200.00	56.70	9,550.70	(8,350.70)	796%	Ad for IT RFP was a large expense & Fire Engine Ad, Captain & FF
Vehicle Parts/Repairs/service	11,000.00	10.67	20,100.32	(9,100.32)	183%	Unforeseen maintenance
Rescue - Apparatus/Supplies	14,700.00	-	14,902.91	(202.91)	101%	Compressor expenses
Fuel	15,000.00	559.02	12,582.68	2,417.32	84%	
Facilities/Station Repairs/Supplies	5,500.00	140.10	4,754.91	745.09	86%	
Utilities Services	29,440.00	7,878.77	24,086.34	5,353.66	82%	
Travel & Meals	5,000.00	507.06	3,923.69	1,076.31	78%	
Training	22,800.00	640.82	22,716.20	83.80	100%	
Fire Supplies/service	17,500.00	2,424.64	17,679.14	(179.14)	101%	
EMS Supplies/service	3,600.00	2,027.58	6,058.78	(2,458.78)	168%	
Uniform/apparel	5,500.00	-	20,740.89	(15,240.89)	377%	WKRFA new apparel costs
Prevention	1,700.00	936.02	1,210.98	489.02	71%	
Taxes (for previous year)	3,000.00	-	813.47	2,186.53	27%	
Dues & Fees	3,572.72	2,310.17	3,346.67	226.05	94%	
KCFD3 Legacy	5,000.00	-	3,072.49	1,927.51	61%	
Capital Reserve	134,424.96	7,795.67	48,042.72	86,382.24	36%	
Municipal Pool Investment	41,177.04	-	-	41,177.04	0%	
Total budgeted expenditure	1,344,249.64	89,387.37	787,002.48	557,247.16	59%	
WKRFA Start up costs				-		
Out of Budget Cost - Storage tank		-		-		
				-		
				-		
Total Actual Expenditure		89,387.37	787,002.48			
<small>Ave. property tax estimated in November 2025 \$ + new construction</small>						

2025 WKRFA Expenditure and Cash Balance





**KLICKITAT COUNTY
TREASURER REPORT
November 2025**

WKRFA
DEC 15 REC'D
2025

	Fund No.:	506	615.1	615.3
Fund Name:		INFO SERVICES R&R	RFA W. KLICKITAT	RFA W. KLICKITAT CAP
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	1	\$ -	\$ 400,075.07	\$ 1,202.23
+++ Increases ++++				
Receipts (Revenue Dist Rpt)	2	-	111,863.81	1,210.20
Netted Transactions	3	-	-	-
Matured Investments	4	-	1,509,502.24	361,833.18
Interfund Transfers - In (397)	5	-	573.45	-
Other Revenue - JE's	6	-	-	-
Subtotal Increases	7	-	1,621,939.50	363,043.38
<< Disbursements >>				
Other Expenditures - JE & KC AP	8	-	35,386.41	-
Interfund Transfers - Out (597)	9	-	-	-
New Investments	10	-	1,760,000.00	361,833.18
Disbursements (AP & PR)	11	-	-	-
E - Transactions (ACH & EFTPS)	12	-	35,824.17	-
Debt Service P&I	13	-	-	-
Other	14	-	-	-
Subtotal Disbursements	15	-	1,831,210.58	361,833.18
ENDING CASH BALANCE	16	\$ -	\$ 190,803.99	\$ 2,412.43
WARRANTS				
Previous Month O/S	17	-	-	-
Issued (+)	18	-	-	-
Redeemed (-)	19	-	-	-
Canceled (-)	20	-	-	-
WARRANTS OUTSTANDING (O/S)	21	-	-	-
Cash Balance <O/S Warrants >	22	\$ -	\$ 190,803.99	\$ 2,412.43
INVESTMENTS				
Beginning Inv Balance	23	-	1,509,502.24	361,833.18
Matured Investments	24	-	1,509,502.24	361,833.18
New Investments	25	-	1,760,000.00	361,833.18
ENDING INVESTMENT BALANCE	26	-	1,760,000.00	361,833.18
DEBT SERVICE/BOND ACTIVITY				
Beginning Bond Principle Balance	27	-	-	-
Bond Principle Payments	28	-	-	-
Bond Interest Payments	29	-	-	-
ENDING BOND PRINCIPLE BALANCE	30	-	-	-



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Fund Revenue Distribution
As of 11-30-2025

Fund	Account	Description	Year	Daily	Month-To-Date	Fiscal Year-To-Date
615001	RFA WK GF					
	615131111	Real & Personal Property	2025	\$0.00	\$83,387.44	\$1,287,536.64
	615131211	Private Harvest Tax; Timber	2025	\$0.00	\$2,019.62	\$4,615.58
	615131720	Leasehold Excise Tax	2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$630.12
	6151332152301	USDOJ;FOREST SERV & CORP ENG	2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$229.64
	61513350232	Non-Timber Rev St Forest Land	2025	\$0.00	\$2,369.37	\$5,092.94
	615136111	Investment Interest	2025	\$0.00	\$5,085.30	\$37,060.53
	615138611	Agency Deposits	2025	\$0.00	\$19,002.08	\$174,493.31
		Fund Totals:		\$0.00	\$111,863.81	\$1,509,658.76
615003	RFA WK CAP					
	615336111	Investment Interest	2025	\$0.00	\$1,210.20	\$9,735.52
	615338611	Agency Deposits	2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$349,293.00
		Fund Totals:		\$0.00	\$1,210.20	\$359,028.52



KLICKITAT COUNTY

Property Tax/Special Assessment Fund Activity

From 11-01-2025 To 11-30-2025

District: REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY W KLICKITAT

Year	Account Number	Beginning Balance	Certification Adjustments	Receipts and Adjustments	Ending Balance
Fund: 615001	RFA WK GF				
2025	615112110	\$138,216.95	\$72.97	\$83,387.44	\$54,902.48
Fund Total:		\$138,216.95	\$72.97	\$83,387.44	\$54,902.48

KLICKITAT COUNTY TREASURER INVESTMENT LEDGER

Month: November-2025

Date	Bal Fwd	Deposits (+)	Withdrawls (-)	Int Pd	Balance
11/1/2025	1,514,855.19	-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/2/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/3/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/4/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/5/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/6/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/7/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/8/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/9/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/10/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/11/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/12/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/13/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/14/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/15/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/16/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/17/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/18/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/19/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/20/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/21/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/22/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/23/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/24/2025		-	-	-	1,514,855.19
11/25/2025		-	-	5,352.95	1,509,502.24
11/26/2025		1,760,000.00	1,509,502.24	-	1,760,000.00
11/27/2025		-	-	-	1,760,000.00
11/28/2025		-	-	-	1,760,000.00
11/29/2025		-	-	-	1,760,000.00
11/30/2025		-	-	-	1,760,000.00
Total		1,760,000.00	1,509,502.24		
Average Daily Balance:					1,555,534.23
Net Earnings Rate:					4.0108%
Gross Earnings:					5,127.89
Ending Balance:					1,765,127.89

KLICKITAT COUNTY TREASURER INVESTMENT LEDGER

Month: November-2025

Date	Bal Fwd	Deposits (+)	Withdrawals (-)	Int Pd	Balance
11/1/2025	363,107.07	-	-	-	363,107.07
11/2/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/3/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/4/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/5/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/6/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/7/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/8/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/9/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/10/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/11/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/12/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/13/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/14/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/15/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/16/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/17/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/18/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/19/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/20/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/21/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/22/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/23/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/24/2025		-	-	-	363,107.07
11/25/2025		-	-	1,273.89	361,833.18
11/26/2025		361,833.18	361,833.18	-	361,833.18
11/27/2025		-	-	-	361,833.18
11/28/2025		-	-	-	361,833.18
11/29/2025		-	-	-	361,833.18
11/30/2025		-	-	-	361,833.18
Total		361,833.18	361,833.18		
Average Daily Balance:					362,852.29
Net Earnings Rate:					4.0108%
Gross Earnings:					1,196.16
Ending Balance:					363,029.34

November 2025 Disbursement Detail
Matches to E-Transactions on Line 12

Seq	Bank	Date	Fund	Fund_A	Sub	BAR	Descriptio	Amt
81	UB	11/7/2025	615.1	615	1	158610	RFA_WK P;	23,773.30
83	UB	11/7/2025	615.1	615	1	158610	RFA_WK P;	11,558.99
185	UB	11/19/2025	615.1	615	1	158610	RFA_WK P;	501.88
			615.1 Total					35,834.17

West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority
Monthly Chief's Report
December 18th, 2025

- **Safety** No accidents, injuries or illnesses reported. One vehicle stuck in mud during a fire false alarm call. (WKRFA will repair the road in the spring.
- **Customer Service (emergent and non-emergent)**
 27 as of Monday December 15th.
 *** Three active chimney/stove fires (2 woodstoves/2 structure 'saves') (1 Pellet stove fire)

Alert Type	Volume
000 - Uncategorized	1
100 - Fire	6
300 - Rescue/EMS	19
700 - False Alarm	1

- **Administration:**
 1. Station 32 well:
 - a. Continued work surrounding Station 32 water well failure. Obtained cost quotes for the building roof portion.
 - b. After discussion with vendors, the decision was made to hold off for scheduling repairs until after winter weather breaks. This will allow planning for both well repairs and opening/closing the building's roof. Neither can be done during inclement weather.
 - c. Developed plan to purchase a potable water tank and pump as a temporary water supply. When repair is made, the tank and pump will be relocated to Station 34 where there is also no water system in the building.
 2. Snowden Water Tanks:
 - a. Bids are due 12/16/25. Board agenda item.
 - b. Scheduling testing and mitigation for asbestos insulation on the tanks themselves. Some insulation is exposed and we need to verify that it contains no asbestos. If it does, a plan to mitigate insulation to the ground level along the sides of the tank will be made. ** Any future removal of the tanks will require a complete asbestos mitigation plan if they test positive for asbestos.
 - c. Provided both property owners of an update regarding the tanks. Both property owners are expecting the district to notify them when the project is complete.
 - d. Made notification to Washington Department of Ecology of the water tank situation. Since there are no leaks to ground, there are no Ecology grants or programs that we are eligible for funding assistance to help mitigate cleaning of the tanks.
 - e. ** Please note that it is possible that this project may see delays due to weather. Unknown timelines until we meet with a successful bidder.
 3. Apparatus/facility re-branding project:

- a. December update: Station signs at Station 32, 343 and 30 need mounted. Old signs need to be removed.
 - b. Next step will be to begin removing old FD3 and WSFD stickers as needed for each truck and determine a consistent wording plan for the fleet.
- 4. ADA sidewalk: No bids submitted as of 11/17. December update: No bidders on the project. We will solicit local vendors.
- **Operations/Prevention:**
 - 1. Engine 30 continues to have a engine alarm. Mechanic notified.
 - 2. Battery powered PPV fans recently approved by the board for purchase have now been used on two calls. Reliable equipment such as this is appreciated by our firefighters. We need to equip Engine 32 and Engine 24 with battery fans as well.
 - 3. Fire Recruit Academy:
 - Captain Crumpacker and I are swiftly planning to hold an in-house academy. We will invite our neighboring districts. Priority is SWFR personnel.
 - February – May timeline.
 - ~10 SWFR personnel need bonified recruit training.
 - Goal is to complete IFSAC testing for credentialing (WKRFA goal / WSRB ‘huge’ benefit for the district’s PPC scoring).
 - 4. Quarterly air compressor air sampling is complete. (Jure)
 - 5. Fit test machine sent out for annual calibration. It has been returned from the vendor. Annual fit testing will commence in the month of December/January.
 - 6. Dayroom furniture previously reported to the board will be ordered soon. City of White Salmon has been informed that the small meeting room space will be converted to Dayroom for firefighters. WKRFA Board meeting dates are on the city’s meeting calendar for 2026.
 - 7. Negotiating with three property owners to seek an acquired live-fire structure for needed firefighter training. A. SW Waubish B. Eyrie Road C. Powerhouse Road (this one is not likely, but I continue to reach out to PP&L as their structures are being vandalized repeatedly now).
 - 8. WKRFA personnel numbers are scheduled to shift to keep in order and recognize seniority. Lower the number, the higher the seniority.
- **Personnel:**
 - 1. Four new applications have been received in the last month. Total of six were received as of December '25.

Individual Activities:

- 1. KCIFA meeting December 3rd.
- 2. Klickitat County Commissioners Workshop / Burdoin AAR meeting in Goldendale.
- 3. Preparations for Saturday December 13th WKRFA Board Workshop / Strategic Planning.
 - Outcomes of that meeting to be summarized and shared.
 - Specific strategic needs and timelines to be shared with the Board for consideration.
 - The Board desires to continue this process to completion.
- 4. Vacation December 17 – January 2nd.

Respectfully submitted:

Wesley W. Long
12-15-2025

Training Report

Period Covered: October 16th – Present

Training Hours & Participation

- 10+ hours of group training logged.
- 7 training shifts spent with FTE firefighter, focusing on projects and task book completion.

Drills Conducted

- 10/21: Rapid Intervention Crew Scenarios – 12 participants
- 10/28: Structure Fire First Due Company Operations (Beth El Shalom/Rhine Village) — *17 participants*
- 11/4: Apparatus Inspections/OTEP — *19 participants*
- 11/11: KCEMS Awareness Training / Officer's Meeting — *24 participants*
- 11/13: *Regional Pediatric Readiness Workshop – 3 participants*
- 11/18: *Station Cleaning / Winter Preparation – 18 Participants*

Program Development & Progress

- Apparatus Operator Task Book: still in progress, Tom Andrews is assisting. Long term goal is to create an abbreviated AO academy.
- Officer Training Plan: Captain Wardwell has completed Fire Instructor I and Fire Officer I, other officers slated to have this training completed by the end of 2026.
- In-house officer training rescheduled for January.
- Vector Solutions implementation in progress, goal start date of 1/1/2026.







Concept Proposal: MARS – WKRFA Partnership at the
Husum Fire Station



Mt. Adams Resource Stewards

Mt. Adams Resource Stewards (MARS) is exploring the opportunity to partner with the West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority (WKRFA) by hosting two of our Fire & Fuels field squads at the Husum Fire Station beginning in the 2026 season. This proposal outlines the intent, potential benefits, facility needs, and timeline for such a partnership, with the goal of strengthening wildfire readiness and expanding community protection across Klickitat County.

MARS has grown significantly in recent years, particularly in our fuels mitigation and prescribed fire programs. As part of our long-term “hub-and-spoke” strategy, we are working to place small, well-trained crews in communities where their presence directly supports both daily project work and rapid fire response. Our Glenwood headquarters will continue to serve as the primary operational hub, while Husum and Trout Lake represent ideal spoke locations that enhance regional coverage. The Husum station, in particular, sits in a strategic position between high-risk wildland areas and the Columbia Gorge corridor, making it an optimal base for field personnel who already work extensively across WKRFA’s service area.

Under this concept, MARS would house approximately ten seasonal employees and a squad supervisor at the Husum Fire Station. These crews typically operate from March through mid-December, with short visits to the station each morning and evening to prepare for field assignments. During peak fire season, from June 15 through September 15, they are available for after-hours and weekend initial attack support and regularly deploy to extended wildfire or prescribed fire assignments. At any given time, crews may need to leave personal vehicles on site during mobilizations, but otherwise their footprint is modest, and their presence consistent.

To function efficiently, MARS would require outdoor secured parking for several pieces of equipment, including two or three Type 6 wildland engines, one or two chippers, water trailers, and a Type 4 equipment cache trailer. Indoors, we would need dry storage for crew lockers, space for a couple of small workbenches used for saw and tool maintenance, and one to three desk spaces for supervisory staff. Access to restrooms is preferred, and the occasional use of a small training or meeting room would be helpful, though not essential. The overall use pattern is light, predictable, and aligns well with the existing rhythms of a rural fire station.

In return, MARS can offer WKRFA a significant increase in daytime wildfire response capacity. If stationed in Husum, our crews would place two staffed Type 6 engines and roughly ten red-carded firefighters typically within western Klickitat and not infrequently within district boundaries from Monday through Thursday, with additional capacity available from our Trout Lake squad and overhead staff based in Glenwood. Beyond fire response, we can support WKRFA through prescribed fire planning, fuels reduction projects, Firewise and defensible space education, and community outreach. Joint training opportunities—from saw and pump

refreshers to firing operations and tabletop simulations—would further strengthen interagency coordination and readiness.

MARS is flexible regarding the financial structure of the partnership. We are open to paying a reasonable rent amount, contributing toward utilities, or developing a hybrid arrangement that incorporates in-kind services such as fuels work or training support. We maintain full insurance coverage for personnel, vehicles, and operations, and our crews are entirely supervised by MARS staff, ensuring minimal additional responsibility for WKRFA personnel. A simple facility-use agreement or memorandum of understanding would clearly define expectations, operational boundaries, and liability protections for both organizations.

If WKRFA leadership is supportive of exploring this partnership, MARS suggests the following process: an initial discussion and walkthrough of the Husum station on December 12, followed by the development of a draft agreement in January, with the goal of being operational at Husum no later than mid-March 2026. This timeline allows both organizations to integrate the partnership into their upcoming operational and strategic planning cycles.

MARS and Klickitat County fire districts already share a strong history of collaboration in wildfire mitigation, response, and community preparedness. By co-locating MARS crews at the Husum Fire Station, we can deepen this partnership in a way that strengthens regional wildfire resilience, expands local workforce capacity, and enhances protection for the communities we jointly serve. We look forward to discussing this vision and working together to determine how the Husum Fire Station can become an integral spoke in a broader, more agile, and more collaborative wildfire resilience network across Klickitat County.

Thanks - and let me know if you have any questions!

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RESOURCE Legacy Fund - NGO

DRAFT PROPOSAL ONLY.

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**West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority
Scope of Work**

The West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority (WKRFA) will support strategic wildfire risk-reduction activities that align with county-wide wildfire resilience initiatives. This work directly supports two overarching goals established by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Wildfire Resilience Initiative:

Goal 1: Pre-Fire Community Interventions

Decrease communities' fire disaster risk through strategic mitigations. By 2035, property loss will stabilize by disrupting fire pathways and preventing structure-to-structure conflagration in wildland-urban interface (WUI) communities.

Goal 2: Pre-Fire Ecosystem Interventions

Reduce ecosystem vulnerability through improved stewardship. By 2035, the annual acres of ecologically beneficial fires will increase while the acres of detrimental fires will decrease in Western North America.

WKRFA's Contribution to County-Wide Objectives:

WKRFA will work collaboratively with RLF, local jurisdictions, fire districts, and community organizations to advance the following objectives across Klickitat County:

- Create a prioritized, implemented, and well-maintained network of fuel reduction treatments that disrupt fire pathways, slow fire spread, and prevent wildfire from entering the built environment
- Reduce structure-to-structure ignition potential in developed WUI communities through strategic interventions

WKRFA will achieve these objectives by: (1) contributing expertise to ecosystem stewardship and wildfire risk reduction strategic planning efforts, (2) utilizing spatial assessment tools to track and prioritize land stewardship and wildfire risk reduction actions within the fire district's service area, (3) supporting community mitigation action plan development with residents and local organizations, and (4) participating county-wide evacuation planning.

Through these coordinated efforts, WKRFA's work will strengthen county-wide wildfire resilience while addressing the specific risks and needs of communities.

Project 1: Grant Administration and Reporting

Output(s): Submission of grant reports and invoices in accordance with funder requirements.

Activities:

- Participate in monthly check-in calls with RLF Program Officer.
- Track and monitor progress on grant deliverables.
- Complete required reports, as requested.
- Financial tracking and budget monitoring.

Purpose: Provide grant management from award through closeout to ensure all activities and deliverables are completed on schedule, expenditures align with the approved budget, and all reporting requirements are met.

Project 2: Coordination, Collaboration, and Partner Engagement

Geographic Scope:

- City of White Salmon/Bingen
- West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority service area
- West Klickitat County
- Central Klickitat County
- Eastern Klickitat County
- Klickitat County

Output(s): Active participation in regional wildfire resilience efforts and effective coordination among stakeholders to advance community wildfire protection planning and risk mitigation initiatives.

Activities

- Engage with partners throughout the county to support the development and implementation of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).
- Gather and share local information, such as values at risk, priority mitigation actions, fire response resources, high-risk areas, etc., to incorporate into the CWPP.
- Coordinate on wildfire risk mitigation initiatives with local, regional, and state partners.
- Collaborate on communication and outreach efforts with West Klickitat Fire Adapted Communities (FAC) coordination groups and other county-led initiatives.
- Coordinate on joint grant applications and funding proposals to build support for wildfire resilience work.
- Participate in fire modeling initiative scoping meetings and presentations.
- Attend webinars offered by the Moore Foundation through their Wildfire Resilience Initiative.
- Serve as local subject matter expert and representative in multi-stakeholder discussions.

Purpose: Maintain current knowledge of wildfire resilience best practices, ensure coordinated implementation of projects outlined in this scope of work through collaborative partnerships, and represent local priorities and expertise in county wildfire mitigation efforts.

Project 3: Community Wildfire Protection Planning - Values Assessment

Geographic Scope:

- City of White Salmon/Bingen
- West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority service area
- West Klickitat County
- Central Klickitat County
- Eastern Klickitat County
- Klickitat County

Output(s): Community values assessment documenting local priorities for ecological restoration and community fire protection.

Activities:

- Coordinate with the West Klickitat FAC Working group, Klickitat County representatives, and contractors (if applicable) to support the development of a community values assessment, including a strategy for completion.
- Solicit community and partner engagement in the values assessment process. (The values assessment may include a survey and in-person meetings/workshops, and/or one-on-one conversations.)
- Review and provide feedback on the values assessment summary and/or report.

Purpose: Community values will be shared with CWPP partners for consideration during CWPP development, will be used to inform stewardship management plans, and communication strategies. This engagement will involve government agencies, NGOs, and community members.

Project 4: Wildfire Risk Mitigation - Fuel Reduction

Geographic Scope:

- City of White Salmon/Bingen
- West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority service area
- West Klickitat County
- Central Klickitat County
- Eastern Klickitat County
- Klickitat County

Output(s):

Activities:

- Utilize Xyloplan's Fire Pathways modeling results and Vanderbilt University's structure vulnerabilities model to:
 - Identify and prioritize vegetation management treatment areas for incorporation into the CWPP
 - Develop and implement a communications and outreach plan in collaboration with local partners that defines messages, communication pathways, and partner roles for engaging landowners in fuel-reduction treatments (this work can be complementary to or developed or integrated into the West Klickitat FAC working group's regional communications and outreach plan)
 - Identify targeted interventions for structure hardening, creation of non-combustible zones, and strategic vegetation management.
- Connect landowners with Mt. Adams Resource Stewards to conduct pre- and post-treatment monitoring to track fuel loads and vegetation composition, informing future fuel maintenance decisions.
- Facilitate landowner connections to Mt. Adams Resource Stewards, Underwood Conservation District, or the Washington Department of Natural Resources to secure forest practice permits, burn permits, prescribed fire burn plans, and fuels maintenance plans.

Purpose: Create a science-based, prioritized network of fuel reduction treatments that disrupts fire pathways, slows fast-moving fires, and prevents wildfire from entering and spreading in the built environment. Establish defensible space zones sufficient to moderate fire behavior, reduce ember production, decrease fire intensity, and increase suppression effectiveness. Utilize modeling and decision support tools to ensure evidence-based project identification and implementation.

Project 5: Wildfire Risk Mitigation - Built Environment

Geographic Scope:

- City of White Salmon/Bingen
- West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority service area
- West Klickitat County
- Central Klickitat County
- Eastern Klickitat County
- Klickitat County

Output(s):

Potential outputs include:

- Community wildfire risk reduction program strategy
- Local community mitigation action plans
- Feasibility assessment for developing a home hardening grant program
- Financial/business plan and funding strategy for community risk reduction program or initiatives
- Grant proposals for home hardening or risk reduction in the 0-5 home ignition zone

Activities:

- Utilize expertise and Vanderbilt University's structure vulnerabilities model to:
 - Identify high-risk areas, vulnerable community assets, and needed resources to inform interventions for structure hardening and the creation of non-combustible zones
 - Integrate findings into priority actions within the CWPP and implementation planning
- Development of a community wildfire risk reduction program strategy to serve as the framework for structure hardening and defensible space initiatives, including identified resources, partnership opportunities, potential funding sources, methods for tracking progress and results, and program development guidance.
- Create neighborhood-specific mitigation action plans collaboratively with residents that outline home hardening, defensible space, and vegetation management strategies to increase community participation and ensure contiguous treatment blocks that minimize the potential for structure-to-structure fire spread.
- Partner with stakeholders to conduct a feasibility assessment for developing a local home hardening grant program.
- Develop a financial/business plan and funding strategy to support the long-term sustainability of a community risk-reduction program.

Purpose: Reduce structure vulnerability through home hardening measures that resist wind-blown ember intrusion, radiant heat, and direct flame impact. Establish 0-5 foot home ignition zones (non-combustible zones) and manage vegetation within 100 feet of structures to reduce flammable materials, minimize wildfire spread, and provide safe firefighter work areas. Prioritize hardening efforts in the highest-risk areas and develop programs that incentivize residents to take action and create fire-resistant homes/neighborhoods.

Project 6: Evacuation Planning

Geographic Scope:

- City of White Salmon/Bingen
- West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority service area
- West Klickitat County
- Central Klickitat County
- Eastern Klickitat County
- Klickitat County

Potential Output(s):

- Contributions to the county-wide evacuation plan development
- Community-preparedness evacuation materials (flyers, guides, etc.)

Activities:

- Participate in the development of the Klickitat County evacuation plan by attending workshops, meetings, and tabletop exercises; review and provide feedback on draft plan documents; and share subject-matter expertise with evacuation planning leads.
- Support Klickitat County Sheriff's Office and evacuation planning partners in identifying and mapping critical evacuation infrastructure, including safe zones, temporary refuge areas, evacuation zones, primary and alternate transportation routes, potential choke points and congestion hazards, and shelter sites.
- Develop and distribute evacuation resources and outreach materials for residents and visitors in coordination with partners.

Purpose: Enhance community preparedness and safety through coordinated evacuation planning that identifies clear evacuation routes, safe zones, and shelter locations. Ensure residents and visitors have access to accurate, actionable information that enables effective evacuation during wildfire emergencies and reduces loss of life and injury.

Wes' notes:

- a. This proposed scope of work is a wonderful start. Of course it will need in-person review to ensure it meets any objectives for RLF and WKRFA.
- b. I suspect I'll have to slowly massage this topic to my Board, but jointly-funded proposal to them that includes our conjoined objectives should be clearly denoted in said proposal.
- c. They'll immediately ask about funding and "how much" this will cost WKRFA. Tentatively, I have earmarked ~\$60K that could possibly be used for staffing to this purpose. Of course, they have to approve that. I cannot.
- d. What does a joint effort look like to you?
 - i. How to fund
 - ii. Who manages the employee? I assume WKRFA. We'd need to obtain the total cost of employment to determine actual values.
 - iii. Shared costs?
 - iv. Percentage of time spent in WKRFA and the county? Further discussion required.
- e. How long do you think RLF would fund this position?
 - i. PTE or FTE?
- f. Said employee would need start up supplies to be successful
 - i. Computer / Network access WKRFA

1. This generates required Public Records management from the WKRFA for your awareness.
- ii. Work station..... We could set up in in Husum. Zero room in White Salmon for any more personnel.
- iii. Transportation. This position will require the ability to travel. I'm working on logistics to acquire another staff vehicle, but that's low on the capital purchase list right now due to two other very large expenditures heading our way. A. water well failure inside a fire station b. Hazardous waste mitigation for two 30K gallon water storage tanks positioned on upper Snowden. Estimate total cost for those two items; ~ \$80-\$140 K ?????
- g. As for Saturday's session with my Board, they'll be discussing many different topics. They've also received a proposal from MARS to possible share some space
- h. Likely, further movement on this brainstorming item would require both of us presenting proposal to my Board in a regular public meeting.

Thoughts????