



TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: January 27, 2021

RE: **Authorizing Application for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) – Replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment**

In adopting the 2021 General Government Operating and Capital Budget, the City Council tentatively programmed a \$350,000 appropriation for the Fire Department to replace its self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment in 2024. The motion detailed below was prepared at the request of Acting Fire Chief Scott Brainard, who asked that it be placed before the City Council for consideration at its meeting of February 4, 2021. If adopted, the motion provides for authorizing an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$334,130 to purchase the self-contained breathing equipment. FEMA requires a five percent match, or \$16,707, which Chief Brainard has indicated can be funded out of the Fire Department's 2021 operating budget.

Acting Chief Brainard will attend the City Council meeting of February 4, 2021, in order to address any questions and/or concerns that Councilmembers may have.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt the motion authorizing the Acting Fire Chief and City Manager to submit to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) a FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighter Grant application in the amount of \$334,130 for replacement of the Fire Department's self-contained breathing apparatus equipment.

Recommended Motion: I move the City Council authorize the Acting Fire Chief and City Manager to submit to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) a FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighter Grant application in the amount of \$334,130 for replacement of the Fire Department's self-contained breathing apparatus equipment.



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Memorandum

TO: Karl Amylon, City Manager
FROM: Scott Brainard, Acting Fire Chief
DATE: January 26, 2021
SUBJECT: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Application

As you are aware the Fire Department Capital Improvement Program includes a “SCBA/Replacement” project that is slated for 2024 at a cost of \$350,000. This Self Contained Breathing Apparatus is an essential part of a firefighters PPE but wears out over time and must be replaced in order to maintain life and safety during emergency response. Our current SCBA inventory has reached the end of its warranty period and is showing its serviceability life which overtime, the cost of repairs could become significant.

To lessen the financial impact of this project the Fire Department is constantly looking for alternative funding sources and attempts to take advantage of these whenever possible. The FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighter Grant program was officially announced on December 29, 2020 and applications are due by February 12, 2021.

I am seeking approval to apply for a combined grant not to exceed \$334,130.00 to purchase SCBA's, air bottles, face masks, rescue accessories, batteries and chargers. The AFG program requires a 5% local match resulting in a maximum local contribution of \$16,707.00.

If successful this grant will help us achieve one of our future CIP's under the estimated value and reduce the compounding financial burden to the Public Works sales tax funding resource.

Department: Fire			Project Priority: 6			Project Number:				
Project Title: Replace SCBAs			Start Date: 01/24			Estimated Project Cost:				
Description:			End Date: 12/24			Design				
This project will replace Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus that will be approximately 20 years old in 2024.						Land/Right-of-Way				
						Construction Management				
						Construction				
						Equipment 350,000				
						Other				
						Project Total 350,000				
Source of Funds	Fund No.	Prior Years	Adopted 2021			Projected Requirements				Total Project
			Reappro- priated	New Funding	Total	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Public Works Sales Tax	111							350,000		350,000
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