



Agenda Item Summary

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Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award

Presenter:

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Description:

FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award for \$570,954.54 Federal Share for Station Air Vac Systems at 12 Fire Rescue stations

Recommended Action:

Authorize the grant acceptance, adopt the resolution, and approve the budget amendment

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

The total expenditures for the 12 station air vac systems are \$628,051.00 (080.54.5400.522.62.00). The Federal Share of 90% is \$570,954.54 (080.54.5480.331.20.00) and the required local match of 10% is \$57,095.46 (080.54.5450.381.50.00 \$30,927.00 and 080.54.5480.381.80.02 \$26,169.00). The required match will come from the FY23 Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) funds \$30,927.00 (001.54.5450.526.64.00 FY23 #6195410-FY23) and MSBU-Fire fund reserves \$26,169.00 (011.04.0440.590.99.20). The MSBU-Fire Reserves will be reduced from \$5,368,707 to \$5,342,538.00 and will not require reimbursement. The reserve balance exceeds the recommended amount.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

The Department of Fire Rescue requested Federal assistance through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program to install vehicle exhaust extraction systems inside 12 of our existing fire rescue stations that are currently not equipped with these systems. The grant request was awarded with a Federal Share of \$570,994.54 and requires a 10% local match of \$57,095.46 for a total of \$628,050.00.

This project will assist in alleviating the dangers of cancer-causing carcinogens throughout the Fire Rescue facilities. Regulatory agencies including the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), the

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) provide standards and recommendations to reduce the exposure of firefighters to exhaust emissions. For example, NFPA 1500 states that “the fire department shall prevent exposure to fire fighters and contamination of living and sleeping areas to exhaust emissions.” Additional benefits that are anticipated from this project are the reduction in station maintenance costs, liability reduction that improves insurance ratings and lessens premiums, and the overall health and well-being of our workforce.

Staff recommends transferring the 10% required local match of \$57,095.46 from the FY23 Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) funds, \$30,927.00, and the MSBU-Fire reserves \$26,169.00. There are sufficient reserves to cover the grant match. This transfer will not require reimbursement.