



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Date: 2/25/2025

Agenda Item Name:

Agreement with Safe Air Corporation (14531) for Request for Proposal (RFP) 25-514-LC Purchase and Installation of Vehicle Exhaust System for Fire Rescue Stations.

Presenter:

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Description:

Agreement with Safe Air Corporation (14531) for RFP 25-514-LC Purchase and Installation of Vehicle Exhaust System, in the amount of \$589,710.00 for Fire Rescue Stations. The Station Air Vac Systems will be installed at 12 fire rescue stations to extricate vehicle exhaust.

Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement with Safe Air Corporation (14531), in the amount of \$589,710.00 for RFP 25-514-LC Purchase and Installation of Vehicle Exhaust System for Fire Rescue Stations.

Prior Board Motions:

January 14, 2025, the Board approved the ranking and authorized staff to negotiate an agreement for RFP 25-514-LC Purchase and Installation of Vehicle Exhaust System for Fire Rescue Stations. Item 25-00015

July 11, 2023, the Board authorized grant acceptance, adopted the resolution and approved the budget amendment. Item 23-00337

Fiscal Note:

Alachua County received the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award for \$628,050.00 (080.54.5400.522.62.00 Building). The Federal Share of 90% is \$570,954.54 (080.54.5480.331.2000 Intergovernmental Revenue) and the required local match of 10% is \$57,095.46 and has already been transferred into Fund 080. The total available budget for this purchase is \$628,051, 080.54.5400.522.62.00 - Buildings. The total cost is below the original estimate at \$589,710.00.

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. The bid pricing from Safe Air is \$589,710.00. The grant deadline is June 30, 2025.

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.

RFP 25-514-LC Purchase and Installation of Vehicle Exhaust System for Fire Rescue Stations was released on September 25, 2024. The deadline for receipt of RFP 25-514-LC Purchase and Installation of Vehicle Exhaust System for Fire Rescue Stations was October 30, 2024; two (2) vendors responded.

The project details can be found here:

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/alachuacounty/projects/109420>