



Frisco Fire Department
City of Frisco, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Maso and Members of the Frisco City Council

Cc: George Purefoy, City Manager
Henry J. Hill, Deputy City Manager
Paul Siebert, Assistant Fire Chief

From: Mark Piland, Fire Chief

Date: November 15, 2016

Subject: Consider and act upon adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant, Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant Program

Action Requested: City Council consideration and approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant in the amount of \$197,600, for the purchase of non-structural firefighting turnout gear and footwear.

Background Information: The purpose of the AFG Grant Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations and State Fire Training Academies for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability and support community resilience.

- **Overview of Proposed Grant Project** – Frisco Fire Department is seeking funds for the acquisition of lightweight, non-structural turnout gear and footwear, totaling two hundred eight (208) individual sets. The AFG Grant affords the Department the opportunity to purchase each staff member National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1951 and Standard 1977 compliant non-structural firefighting turnout gear and footwear. Non-structural firefighting gear would be utilized by staff members on service

calls that do not require interior structure firefighting. These type of service calls equate to approximately eighty-three percent (83%) of the Department's call volume.

The Grant Submission Deadline is November 18, 2016.

Alternatives: City Council could consider the following alternatives:

- Approval of the Resolution;
- Input towards the discussion as desired;
- Deny approval and send back to staff with direction.

Financial Considerations: Eligible applications agree to make available in non-federal funds based upon the population of the community served; as Frisco Fire Department serves a jurisdiction of more than 20,000 residents (*but not more than 1,000,000 residents*), the City would agree (*upon approval of a grant award and acceptance of the award by the City*) to make available non-federal funds in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the grant award.

The grant application requests federal funding in the amount of \$197,600. The required match totals \$19,760. Staff recommends that this funding be provided by the Fire Department Operating Budget, Operations Division (*Protective Gear Account Code*) (13536000-61185).

Legal Review: The Resolution is similar to previous grant applications to the AFG Program; however due to the quick timeline for submitting the Grant Application, the Resolution has not yet been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

Supporting Documents: Supporting documents include the following:

- Copy of Resolution;
- Copy of the Grant Application (*in Adobe Acrobat Format*).

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council approval of the Resolution, authorizing the City Manager to submit the AFG Grant Application. Staff will be present at the meeting to address the City Council's questions relating to this agenda item. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (972) 292-6310 or at MPiland@friscotexas.gov.