

# Mayor and Council Communication

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## **SUBJECT**

Ratify Application for and Authorize Acceptance of a Grant from the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency Under the Fiscal Year 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Grant, in the Amount of Up to \$428,864.00, Authorize Transfer in the Amount of \$42,886.00, as Required, for the City's 10% Cost Match from the Risk Financing Fund to the Grants Operating Federal Fund, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS) (Continued from a Previous Week)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for and authorize acceptance of a grant from the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Fiscal Year 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Grant, in the amount of up to \$428,864.00;
  2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Risk Financing Fund in the amount of \$42,886.00, from the use of fund balance, for the transfer to the Grants Operating Federal Fund, for the City's cost match; and
  3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in the amount of \$471,750.00, subject to receipt of a grant from the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Federal Emergency Management Agency provides Fire Operations and Safety Grants as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. These grants are intended to support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The DHS recently notified the Fort Worth Fire Department (FWFD) that its application for financial assistance submitted under the Fiscal Year 2018 AFG Program had been approved in the amount of \$428,864.00. As a condition of this award, the City is required to contribute a 10% cost match in the amount of \$42,886.00, for a total project cost of \$471,750.00.

Recent studies indicate that firefighters developed 4 types of cancer more frequently than any other occupation. Further, to meet recommendations of the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA 1582), annual exams should provide additional screening for colon, prostate, lung, cervical, testicular, bladder, and thyroid cancers. In response to this, the Fort Worth Fire Department has developed a comprehensive cancer reduction strategy. This AFG grant will be used to fund enhanced, early cancer screening for all civil-service Fire Department personnel. The estimated annual cost for this screening activity is \$471,750.00.

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication will ratify the application for the Fiscal Year 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. In addition to authorizing the acceptance of this award, approval will also authorize transfer of matching funds in the amount of \$42,886.00 from the Risk Financing Fund to the Grants Operating Federal Fund.

In line with the recently approved Risk Management funding (M&C 20-0043) of the Cancer Prevention Program, the matching funds will continue to support the efforts to reduce firefighters' exposure to potential cancer causing elements and early detection.

Indirect costs are not applicable to this grant.

The performance period of this grant is anticipated to end September 2020.

This project will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, execution of the agreement and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Fire Department is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Upon receipt, these funds will be deposited into the Grants Operating Federal Fund. This is a reimbursement grant.

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