

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Application for and Authorize the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency Under the Fiscal Year 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Grant, in the Amount of \$559,090.90, Authorize Transfer of General Funds from the Fire Department's Operating Budget to the Transfer Out Account in the Amount of \$55,909.10 for the City's 10% Match Requirement, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for and authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Fiscal Year 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Grant, in the amount of \$559,090.90;
2. Authorize transfer of General Funds from the Fire Department's Operating Budget to the Transfer Out Account in the amount of \$55,909.10 for the City's 10% match requirement;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in the amount of (a) \$559,090.90, subject to receipt of a grant from the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency, and (b) with \$55,909.10 as a transfer from the General Fund to satisfy the City's 10% match requirement, totaling \$615,000.00, for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Grant; and
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance reallocating appropriations in the Fire Department of the General Fund by decreasing the General Operating and Maintenance accounts in the amount of \$55,909.10 and increasing the Transfers and Other category by the same amount, for the purpose of funding the required match for the grant.

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 2021 AFG Program had been approved in the amount of \$559,090.90. As a condition of this award, the City is required to contribute a 10% cost match in the amount of \$55,909.10, for a total project cost of \$615,000.00.

Recent studies indicate that firefighters developed many cancers more frequently than any other occupation. Further, firefighters have a higher incidence of cardiovascular disease due to the strenuous and stressful nature of their work. In response to this, the Fort Worth Fire Department has developed a comprehensive health and wellness program. This AFG grant will be used to fund enhanced, early cancer and cardiac screening for civil-service Fire Department personnel. The estimated annual cost for this screening activity is \$615,000.00.

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication will ratify the application for the Fiscal Year 2021 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 \$55,909.10 from the General Fund to the Grants Operating Federal Fund.

Indirect costs are not applicable to this grant.

The performance period of this grant is anticipated to end August 2024.

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: Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations 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 (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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