

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 12/15/20

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 20-0974

LOG NAME: 36FY20 AFG COVID 19 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Application for and Authorize Acceptance of a Grant from the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency Under the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant - COVID 19 Supplemental Grant Program, in the Amount of \$142,618.18, Reallocate Resources and Authorize Transfer in the Amount of \$14,261.82, as Required, for the City's 10% Cost Match from the General Fund to the Grants Operating Federal Fund, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances

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 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant - COVID 19 Supplemental Program, in the amount of \$142,618.18;
 2. Adopt the attached ordinance adjusting appropriations in the Fire Department of the General Fund by decreasing the allocation in the General Operating and Maintenance accounts in an amount of \$14,261.82 and increasing the allocation in the Transfer account by the same amount for the purpose of transferring to the Grants Operating Federal Fund, as required, for the City's 10% cost match; and
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in the amount of \$156,880.00, 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 offered COVID 19 Supplemental Grants as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program using funding allocated through the CARES Act. These grants are intended to support departments in the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) through funding prior and future purchases necessary for the response to the COVID 19 pandemic. The DHS recently notified the Fort Worth Fire Department (FWFD) that its application for financial assistance submitted under the Fiscal Year 2020 AFG COVID Supplemental Program had been approved in the amount of \$142,618.18. In order to fulfill the 10% cost match, the Fire department will re-allocate funds in the amount of \$14,261.82 from Fire Battalions HazMat Materials & Supplies to Transfer Out.

The Fire Department specified in its application, the following breakdown for the use of funds: \$51,305.00 for reimbursement of pre-award expenses, \$39,858.00 to acquire PPE for immediate use, and \$65,717.00 to strengthen future response capabilities through the acquisition of PPE.

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication will ratify the application for the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters COVID 19 Supplemental Grant Program. In addition to authorizing the acceptance of this award, approval will also authorize transfer of matching funds in the amount of \$14,261.82 to the Grants Operating Federal Fund.

Indirect costs are not applicable to this grant.

The performance period of this grant is anticipated to end September 2021.

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: DHS - FEMA

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 (and Financial Management Services) is 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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