

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 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Grant, in the Amount of \$1,380,570.43 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 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Grant, in the amount of \$1,380,570.43; and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in the amount of (a) \$1,380,570.43, subject to receipt of a grant from the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency, and (b) with \$207,085.57 transferred from the Insurance Truck Replacement project (City Project No. 102993) within the General Capital Projects Fund to satisfy the City's 15% match requirement, totaling \$1,587,656.00 for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Grant.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 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 2022 AFG Program had been approved in the amount of \$1,380,570.43. As a condition of this award, the City is required to contribute a 15% cost match in the amount of \$207,085.57, for a total project cost of \$1,587,656.00.

This grant will be used to fund the purchase of a Mobile Command vehicle designed and equipped to align with FEMA's resource requirements for a Type 2 Mobile Communications Center. Matching funds are available in the Fire Department's Capital Fund from the insurance proceeds related to the total loss of the previous Mobile Command Vehicle (City Project No. 102993).

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication will ratify the application for the Fiscal Year 2022 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 \$207,085.57 from the Capital Fund to the Grants Operating Federal Fund.

Indirect costs are not applicable to this grant, and no salaries will be supported by this grant.

The performance period of this grant is anticipated to end September 2025.

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 ordinance, 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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