

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 36AFG 2019 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY 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 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, in an Amount Up to \$82,411.48, Authorize Transfer in the Amount of \$4,120.57, as Required, for the City's Cost Match from the Grants Operating Other Fund to the Grants Operating Federal Fund, Authorize Transfer of Certain Funds and Eligible Grant Costs, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, in an amount up to \$82,411.48 to be used to further develop the Fort Worth Fire Department's capabilities in the areas of fire and arson investigations;
2. Authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,120.57, as required, for the City's grant match from the Grants Operating Other Fund to the Grants Operating Federal Fund; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund in the amount of \$86,532.05, subject to receipt of a grant from the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Federal Emergency Management Agency provides Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The FP&S 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 2019 AFG Program - FP&S grant had been approved in the amount of \$82,411.48. As a condition of this award, the City is required to contribute a 5% cost match in the amount of \$4,120.57, for a total project cost of \$86,532.05.

The FWFD Arson Investigation Unit is working toward the goal of aggressively investigating every fire that occurs within the City of Fort Worth. The FP&S grant will be used to fund training and surveillance/technology improvements to allow personnel to more aggressively investigate fire incidents and to pursue the successful prosecution of those committing these crimes. The estimated cost to accomplish this endeavor is \$86,532.05, which includes the following expenditures.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
Surveillance and technology improvements	\$50,160.00
Investigation training	\$36,372.05
Total	\$86,532.05
Federal Share (FP&S grant)	\$82,411.48
Recipient Share (FWFD)	\$4,120.57

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) will ratify the application for the Fiscal Year 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Additionally, approval will also authorize acceptance of this award and transfer of the City's match in the amount of \$4,120.57 from the Grants Operating Other Fund budget to the Grants Operating Federal Fund. This amount was not included in FWFD's Fiscal Year 2021 budget because the award was unplanned. Therefore, the department will use available Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Fund (LEOSE) allocations from the Grants Operating Other Fund to meet the City's portion of the match.

The Fire Department will be responsible for the oversight and management of this project. Indirect costs are not applicable to this grant.

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 award and receipt of the grant and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the Grants Operating Other Fund and 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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