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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Submitted by: Phillip C. Vorlander, Chief of the Fire Department

SUBJECT—

Monitor-defibrillator purchase.

SYNOPSIS—

The Des Moines Fire Department is requesting authorization to purchase nine (9) Physio-Control LifePak 12 cardiac monitor-defibrillators funded, in part, by an Office for Domestic Preparedness, United States Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant. Council approved the application for this grant at its meeting on March 22, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-603. Medtronic Physio-Control Corporation (11811 Willows Rd. NE, Redmond, Washington; Jon T. Tremmel, President) is the manufacturer and sole vendor.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Provisions of the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant program require cities with populations greater than 50,000 to provide a thirty percent (30%) match to federal monies. The bid for the nine (9) monitor-defibrillators is \$150,498.04. \$105,348.62 will be provided from federal funds, and \$45,149.42 will be provided from the City's match. The total amount for the twelve-lead equipment upgrade program funded by this Grant is \$181,170. \$126,819 will be provided from federal funds, and \$54,130 will be provided from the City's match. Different vendors will provide the other components of the program. Funding for the match is available under Fund Code CP041, Project Code FIR013, Organization FIR990000, Account 544060.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The Fire Department applied for and received an Office for Domestic Preparedness, United States Department of Homeland Security 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to aid in funding the purchase of twelve-lead cardiac monitors-defibrillators, related calibration equipment, and formal training on twelve-lead electrocardiogram interpretation. In addition to electrocardiography and defibrillation capabilities, the machines monitor a number of other physiological indicators and are relatively sophisticated. It is considered sound practice to standardize, to the extent practical, on one type of device. The manufacturer is the sole-source vendor and thus there is only one quote.