

Council Communication

Office of the City Manager



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Agenda Item No. 43
Roll Call No. 06-
Communication No. 06-135
Submitted by: Phillip Vorlander, Fire
Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the Application for the United States Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the Resolution authorizing the Chief of the Fire Department or his designee to submit an Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$22,300.80 (20% match of total \$111,504.00 – Federal grant = \$89,203.20)

Funding Source: 2006/2007 CIP, Fire Improvements, Page 5, FIR013.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For the 2006 program year, Congress appropriated \$539,550,000 to the United States Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training, giving them the authority to carry out an initiative to provide assistance to firefighters in a competitive grant program that provides for an 80/20 funding arrangement for several categories, one of which is equipment to improve fire fighter safety. The Des Moines Fire Department proposes to submit an application requesting funding to purchase 12 Stryker® Power Ambulance Cots for its ambulance fleet. It is expected that should the City be successful and be awarded the grant that the incidence of fire fighter back injuries related to the lifting of stretchers will be reduced.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

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BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE