



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No.	63
Roll Call No.	<u>09-</u>
Communication No.	<u>09-404</u>
Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the application for United States Department of Homeland Security 2009 Assistance to Fire Fighters Fire Station Construction Grant.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Fire Department has prepared a grant application for submission to the United States Department of Homeland Security 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant program, a competitive process. The Fire Department is requesting funding to assist in the construction of a new Fire Station 1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$3,000,000 new, unbudgeted grant monies requested for this \$8,000,000 project for which \$500,000 of TIF backed GO Bonds have been issued to finance design costs.

Funding Source: 2011 Capital Improvement Project Budget, FIR039 CP041 FIR990000, page Fire 5.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines Fire Department is requesting Assistance to Firefighter Fire Station Construction Grant (SCG) funding to assist in the construction of the Fire Station No.1 placement. This funding is the \$210 million made available for fire station construction through the federal stimulus package. Together with SVPA Architects and City Engineering, the Fire Department has identified that at the point of award (on or before September 30, 2010) the Fire Station No. 1 Replacement will have 6 million dollars of grant eligible expenses. Only expenses incurred after the award and that fall within the grant eligible list are permissible for grant/match funding. The SCG does not have a matching requirement. However; the higher the percentage of the contribution, the higher the consideration the application will receive. Regardless of the timing of the award, the City of Des Moines will be obligated to the matching funds indicated on our application. With these caveats in mind, the best chance of receiving a grant is to apply for funding with a match at 100%.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 18, 2009

Roll Call Number: 08-823

Action: Savage-Ver Ploeg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a SVPA Architects, Inc. for design and construction phase services for the Fire Station No. 1 Replacement, not to exceed \$363,125. (Council Communication No. 09-331) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

If the Fire Department is awarded the grant, the City Council will be asked to approve the acceptance of the grant and grant agreement, and, authorization to issue the construction bids, and accept the winning bid(s) execute the construction contracts.

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