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	Agenda Item No. 63 Roll Call No. <u>10-858</u> Communication No. <u>10-271</u> Submitted by: John Tekippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the 2009 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program award of \$451,712 for station generators, sprinklers, and monitoring systems.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Des Moines Fire Department’s 2009 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program award of \$451,712 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Des Moines Fire Department will use these funds for the purchase of 10 generators for all fire stations, and, sprinkler and monitoring systems for stations 2, 5, 7, and 9.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total award amount is \$451,712 and requires a 20% match of \$112,928. The total project cost is anticipated at \$958,000. The City’s contribution to the project is \$506,288 inclusive of the matching funds.

Amount: \$958,000 - Generators, Alarm & Sprinkler, FIR040 (New CIP Project) CP041 FIR990000

Funding Source: \$451,712 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2009 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG),

\$506,288 2010 Capital Improvement Project Budget, FIR013 CP041 FIR990000, page Fire Protection Improvements - 6.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

One year ago, the original project estimate was \$777,510 and an AFG grant application was submitted to FEMA. The grant application identified a federal grant amount of \$622,008 and a City match of \$155,502. Not included in the grant application was an engineering fee estimate of \$125,000.

Grant evaluators, using DHS historical market data for minimally powering fire stations, reduced the grant award from \$61,287 to \$40,000 for each of 10 generators, or a total impact to the project of \$212,870. It is the intention of the Fire Department to fully power each station. Fully functional stations best ensure our ability to respond during disasters and increases our potential for sheltering locations. Increased project costs are related to current estimates and inclusion of the engineering fee.

The sprinkler and monitoring portion of the project appears in the CIP, Fire Station Remodeling p.7, to occur during FY10. The generator portion of the project appears in the CIP, Fire Station Remodeling p.7, to occur during FY13. However, the City is advantaged to fund both of these as one project using Equipment Acquisition, p.6 of the CIP. This change is requested for two reasons. First, the Fire Station Remodeling account does not have the necessary funding to cover the accelerated schedule, increases in cost due to grant reduction and current pricing, and necessary repairs to stations 2, 5, 7, and 9. Second, the Equipment Acquisition account has funding available within the time frame established by the grant. The performance period of the grant is April 2010- April 2011.

Funding from the Equipment Acquisition account is available due to the timing of ordering a fire vehicle. That purchase will take place in early FY2012, with specification development occurring in FY2011. In FY2013, we will not be requesting Fire Station Remodeling generator funding as this grant is fulfilling this need. However, a portion of that account will be applied to the fire vehicle purchase. These actions will reduce the total FY2010-16 Fire Improvement CIP by approximately \$195,000.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May, 18, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-868

Action: [US](#) Department of Homeland Security 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application. ([Council Communication No. 09-306](#)) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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