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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 39 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>11-1465</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-563</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving application for U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend the City Council authorize the Fire Department to submit a United States Department of Homeland Security 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), approve pursuit of replacing the department’s breathing air compressor and fill station, and approve City of Des Moines matching fund requirements consistent with the grant application. The Fire Department is requesting funding for the purchase of a 20 hp breathing air compressor and a four (4) cylinder fill station.

**FISCAL IMPACT: [SELECT ONE]**

Amount: \$9,638 (20% required match of the total estimated project cost of \$48,187)

Funding Source: 2011 Capital Improvement Project Budget FIR016 CP041 FIR990000, FY2013, page Fire Protection Improvements 6.

If awarded, expenses for this project are anticipated to be incurred in fiscal year 2013. The grant states awards will be made on or before September 20, 2012. The Fire Department will amend the CIP appropriately to reflect the funding of this project.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

For the 2011 program year, the United States Congress appropriated funds to the Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, to provide assistance to carry out initiatives to support departments lacking the tools and resources necessary to protect the health and safety of the public and their firefighting personnel. City of Des Moines authorization to submit the grant application allows the Fire Department to compete for funds necessary to assist in the acquisition and installation of a 20 hp breathing air compressor and a four (4) cylinder fill station.

The 20 hp breathing air compressor and four (4) cylinder fill station is used to fill Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) cylinders used by personnel for firefighting, Hazardous Materials response, extrication response, and other emergency and non-emergency operations and training. This system is also used by other City departments and serves Polk County and other jurisdictions via the department’s Hazardous Materials Team. The unit being replaced is approaching end of life and parts are becoming

difficult to find.

Acquisition of the compressor and fill station is consistent with the department's operations and is identified as a critical need. This is the system that provides breathable air for firefighters' SCBA cylinders worn during fire suppression. Additionally, this acquisition is consistent with the emphasized grant items identified within the grant program.

The total project cost is \$48,187.00, with the Federal grant amount of \$38,549.00 and the City's match of \$9,638.00. The Fire Chief recommends that the City Council authorize this application for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**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 purchase of a 20 hp breathing air compressor and a four (4) cylinder fill station.

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