

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the 2011 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program award of \$38,549 for the purchase of a new breathing air compressor and fill station.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Des Moines Fire Department's 2011 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program award of \$38,549 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 a new breathing air compressor and fill station.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total award amount is \$38,549 and requires a 20% match of \$9,637. The total project cost is anticipated at \$48,187.

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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The replacement of the breathing air compressor and fill station is a part of the recommended budget within the FY13 Capital Improvement Program. The award of this grant will supplant General Obligation Bonds no longer needed for this purchase. The Fire Department continues to look for alternative funding streams to provide budgetary relief for planned purchases where possible.

The unit being sought is a 20 hp breathing air compressor and four (4) cylinder fill station which 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 also the system that provides breathable air for firefighters' SCBA cylinders worn during fire suppression.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 29, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-1465

<u>Action</u>: Application for U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2011 Assistance To Firefighters Grant. (<u>Council Communication No. 11-563</u>) **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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