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	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving an application for the United States Department of Homeland Security FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and authorizing the Fire Chief to execute grant award agreement.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving an application for the United States Department of Homeland Security FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and authorizing the Fire Chief to execute grant award agreement. The grant would provide funding for the purchase of a live fire extinguishing training system for fire prevention staff to use when instructing the public. The grant requires a 5% match (\$550.00), the total grant value would be \$11,000.00.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$550.00

Funding Source: FY 2014-2015 Operating Budget, Fire Department, Commercial Fire Inspection, FD107114

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Fire Prevention Bureau provides numerous fire prevention and public education activities to the citizens and guests of Des Moines. Approval of this grant application would allow the fire prevention bureau to ensure our fire extinguisher training is both safe for the end user and environmentally friendly. Presently, fire extinguisher training is provided by Des Moines Fire Department personnel to numerous businesses in Des Moines through the use of a diesel pan and several dry-chemical extinguishers. The diesel pan presents a “real” fire for participants to practice, but also poses some serious safety concerns. Additionally the dry-chemical extinguishers are expensive to recharge, messy in application, and not environmentally friendly.

The purchase of a live fire extinguisher training system that utilizes clean burning propane and includes appropriate safety switches provides for a much safer training environment for our customers. The training system uses refillable water extinguishers that are less expensive to refill and do not release Carbon Dioxide or dry-chemical powders into the atmosphere.

This grant application is due by 5:00 PM (EST) on March 21, 2014. Anticipated award dates are to be no later than September 21, 2014.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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