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	Agenda Item No.	32
	Roll Call No.	<u>16-0056</u>
	Communication No.	<u>16-002</u>
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving application for U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Application.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council authorize the Fire Department to submit a United States Department of Homeland Security 2015 AFG application, approve procurement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), and approve City of Des Moines matching fund requirements consistent with the grant application. The Fire Department is requesting funding for the purchase of 199 SCBA units and face pieces for all members.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Not to exceed \$1,704,543.00 (10% required match of the total estimated project cost of \$170,455).

Funding Source: 2016 Capital Improvement Project Budget CP041FR FR013, FY2017, page 4 Fire Protection Improvements.

If awarded, expenses for this project are anticipated to be incurred in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. The grant states awards will be after March 2, 2016, with a one (1) year performance period.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Our current SCBA units are at end-of-life; the service life of a SCBA unit is 15 years. By replacing these valuable pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) ensemble, the department will be current with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines as well as National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and Occupation Safety and Health Administration standards. These new units will provide the following additional safety features that the current SCBA units do not provide:

- Firefighter down, improved audio and visual identification of a firefighter in need of assistance;
- Face pieces designed to withstand higher heat release rates;
- Central power for improved reliability and easier maintenance;
- Reduced weight of the units;
- Improved communications components integrated in the units; and
- Quick connect of cylinders easing burden of bottle exchanges.

The new packs will improve the overall safety of the members in the adverse environments they face.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 17, 2015

Roll Call Number: [14-1784](#)

Action: [Application](#) for U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application, \$21,680. ([Council Communication No. 14-546](#)) Moved by Gatto to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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