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	Agenda Item No.	7
	Roll Call No.	[_____]
	Communication No.	<u>16-486</u>
	Submitted by:	John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council authorize the Fire Department to accept a U. S. Department of Homeland Security 2015 AFG award. This award will assist in acquiring necessary replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: The fiscal impact to accept the grant is \$115,989.00. Grant award is \$1,159,895.00 with a required 10% match of \$115,989.00 for a total award package of \$1,275,884.00.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Our current SCBA units are at end-of-life; the service life of a SCBA unit is 15 years. By accepting the grant we will be able to begin replacing these valuable pieces of our 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 SCBA will improve the overall safety of the members in the adverse environments they face.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 11, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-0056](#)

Action: [An](#) application for the United States Department of Homeland Security FEMA FY2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). ([Council Communication No. 16-002](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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