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	Agenda Item No. 27 Roll Call No. <u>16-1908</u> Communication No. <u>16-624</u> Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving application for U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council authorize the Fire Department to submit a United States Department of Homeland Security 2016 AFG application, approve procurement of powered cot loading and restraining systems, and approve City of Des Moines matching fund requirements consistent with the grant application. The Fire Department is requesting funding for the purchase of 12 cot loading and fastening systems for all front-line and reserve ambulances.

- GuideDSM Goal 1: Financially Sound City; alternative revenue source for service enhancement.
- GuideDSM Goal 3: High Performing City Organization; increased safety for patients during loading, treatment and transport, as well as decreases the risk of injury for employees.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Not to exceed \$380,095.73 (10% required match of the total estimated project cost of \$38,010).

Funding Source: 2016 Capital Improvement Project Budget CP041FR FR013, FY2018, page 4 Fire Protection Improvements.

If awarded, expenses for this project are anticipated to be incurred in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. The grant states awards will be after March 3, 2017, with a one (1) year performance period.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Injuries involving the loading and unloading of cots into/out of ambulances inflict a significant insult on the City’s financial and human resources. Additionally, new standards from the National Fire Protection Administration and Society of Automotive Engineers are quickly gaining national traction, standards designed to protect patients secured to cots in the event of ambulance crashes. A powered cot loading/unloading and restraining system will provide the following attributes not possible with our current system:

- Increased safety for patients while being loaded on-scene or unloaded at a hospital;
- Increased safety for patients in the event of a crash while being transported;

- Anticipated dramatic reduction in the number and cost of cot loading/unloading injuries suffered by City employees;
- Dramatic reduction in cumulative physical strain on employees from cot loading/unloading;
- Decreased risk exposure for City employees responding to medical alarms (due to 1-person, 1-handed loading and unloading of patients).

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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