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	Agenda Item No. 30 Roll Call No. <u>17-1170</u> Communication No. <u>17-525</u> Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council authorize the Fire Department to accept a U. S. Department of Homeland Security 2016 AFG award. This award will assist in acquiring a power lift system for each of our frontline 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: \$253,400 (Federal funds \$230,364 with 10% required match of \$23,036)

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Project Budget C041FD99 FR013, FY2018, page 4 Fire Protection Improvements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Injuries involving the loading and unloading of cots into/out of ambulances inflict a significant impact 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)

- Eight (8) frontline ambulances will be equipped through this grant.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 7, 2016

Roll Call Number: [16-1908](#)

Action: [Application](#) for U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application. ([Council Communication No. 16-624](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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