

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	41	Roll Call:	26-0758
	Submitted by:	Jonathan Lund, Fire Chief		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving application for Local Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services Grant offered by the State of Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) for wildland fire fighting equipment.

SYNOPSIS:

Funding from the Local Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Services Grant, if awarded, would be used to purchase equipment necessary to extinguish wildland fires, a current gap in our capabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$7,500 revenue

Funding Source: None, no matching funds are needed for this grant.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Des Moines Fire Department experiences approximately 100 vegetation/wildland fires per year. To extinguish these incidents efficiently and effectively we need specialized equipment. From this grant we are seeking the following
 - Forestry hand pumps – these devices carry water to extinguish the fire
 - Backpack blowers – these devices are used to direct and/or limit the fire spread
- This equipment starts to fulfill DMFD's wildland firefighting equipment needs allowing us to better protect property in Des Moines.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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