



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Minneapolis Fire Department

Date: March 29, 2012

To: Honorable Don Samuels—Chair of Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee; and,
Honorable Betsy Hodges—Chair of Ways & Means Committee

Subject: Fire Prevention & Safety Grants (FP&S) for 2012

Recommendation: Permission requested by the Minneapolis Fire Department to prepare an Application for a federal Fire Prevention & safety Grant Program.

Previous Directives: None.

Department Information

Prepared by: Perry J. Ebner – Fire Marshal
Presenters in Committee: Perry J. Ebner – Fire Marshal

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	___	Date	_____
Civil Rights Approval	Approval	___	Date	_____
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	___	Date	_____

Financial Impact

The Fire Department must match the federal grant funds with an amount of nonfederal funds equal to twenty percent of the total project cost.

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| 1. 50 iPad 3 with FireHouse Inspector software | \$68,560 |
| 2. 2,000 Smoke Detectors (battery operated) | \$28,860 |
| 3. 10,000+ Fire Prevention pamphlets | \$10,000 |

Total grant request	\$107,420
Fire Department's Match	\$21,484

Supporting Information

On March 23, 2012, the Minneapolis Fire Department was notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that the guidelines for FY2011 FP&S (Fire Prevention & Safety) Grants program had been released. The application period is April 2, 2012, through April 27, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

There are three main components of this grant. 1. Code Enforcement: The Minneapolis Fire Department is asking for approval to apply for 50 iPad computers with FireHouse Inspector software. These tools will make on-site inspections extremely accurate with the most current fire and building code information at your fingertips, to be able to issue inspection reports, violations and administrative citations electronically while on the scene. 2. General Education and Awareness: The continuation of the smoke detector installation program for high risk neighborhoods in the city as determined by a study of factors identified in the 2000 U.S. Census. They will be equipped with 10 year lithium ion batteries. This request is for 2,000 lithium battery operated smoke detectors. 3. General Education and Awareness: Printed educational material on fire safety for the high risk population. The pamphlets would be printed in several languages so that most nationalities of the City of Minneapolis could understand the fire safety information.

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See also:

Grant information: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/fpsgrants/index.shtm>

iPad FireHouse Inspection software information:
<http://www.firehousesoftware.com/products/fh-inspector.php>

Smoke detector information:
http://www.homedepot.com/h_d1/N-5yc1v/R-202433884/h_d2/ProductDisplay?catalogId=10053&langId=-1&keyword=smoke+detectors+with+lithium+batteries&storeId=10051