



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

Date: June 15, 2009

To: Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety and Regulatory Services Cmt.

Referral to: Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Cmt.

Subject: Minneapolis Economic Recovery Strategy – Fire Station Construction Grant Application

Recommendation: Authorize the Minneapolis Fire Department (in consultation with the Public Works Department) to submit an application for the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG). This grant is funded through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*.

Previous Directives:

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Reviews

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

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or ___ Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Action requires a change to the Business Plan
- Other financial impact
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals

- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

- The Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grants (SCG) will provide financial assistance directly to fire departments on a competitive basis to build new or modify existing fire stations in order for departments to enhance their response capability and protect the community they serve from fire and fire-related hazards.
- The ***American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*** (ARRA) of 2009 provided the Department of Homeland Security with \$210,000,000.00 to fund the construction and modification of fire stations.
- The purpose of SCG is to provide economic stimulus in the form of jobs and increase the safety of the firefighters and the communities they serve. As such, all program priorities focus on the timeliness of the implementation of the construction project, the effect the new or modified facility will have on the health and safety of the firefighters as well as the benefit the new or modified facility will have on the protection of the community.
- The ***American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*** directs DHS to limit the funding for any one grant to \$15.0 million per award.
- There are no cost share requirements under SCG. However, if the applicant pledges to contribute toward the construction project in their application, as a condition of award, they are required to contribute to the final costs of project in the same ratio pledged in the final approved application.
- The only activities funded by the SCG are the building of new or modification of existing fire stations. Construction of any facilities other than fire stations (e.g., structures for training or emergency operations centers) is not eligible for funding.
- Applications for these grants must be received by July 10, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.