



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

**Date:** April 21, 2009

**To:** Don Samuel, Chair, Public Safety and Regulatory Services Cmt.  
**Referral to:** Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Cmt.

**Subject:** Assistance to Firefighter Grant Application for FY 2009

**Recommendation:** Authorize the Fire Department to apply for a FY 2009 Assistance to Firefighter competitive grant to replace two Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) filling air compressor systems in the amount of \$130,000.00.

**Previous Directives:**

### Department Information

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Approved by: Alex Jackson, Chief, Minneapolis Fire Department *Alex Jackson*  
Presenters in Committee: John Fruetel, Assistant Chief, Minneapolis Fire Department

### Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Rights Approval Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Impact

- Other financial impact – If awarded a grant, an appropriation and revenue increase would be required and the grant would require a 20% local match (approximately \$26,000) of any funds awarded.

### Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

## Supporting Information

- Applications for these grants must be received by Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).
- This grant application **is not** part of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*.
- Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) provides financial assistance directly to fire departments to enhance their capabilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Congress appropriated a total of \$565 million for the FY 2009 AFG and the primary goal is to help fire departments meet their firefighting and emergency response needs. AFG seeks to support organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards. The Department of Homeland Security will provide a higher level of consideration to departments with significant levels of incidents and to departments that protect large populations relative to other applicants, regardless of the type of community served.
- The Minneapolis Fire Department has been a recipient of this grant in the past. In FY2008 we were awarded funding to purchase turnout gear; in 2004 to install exhaust systems in fire stations; in 2003 to purchase fire hoses; in 2002 to purchase defibrillators and in 2001 to purchase SCBA equipment.