



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

Date: March 7, 2011

To: Don Samuel, Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights & Health Committee

Referral to: Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Cmt.

Subject: Federal Assistance to Firefighter Grant FY 2010 Acceptance

Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Department to accept a FY 2010 Assistance to Firefighter competitive grant to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) parts in the amount of \$125,000.00. The federal share is 80% or \$100,000.00 of the approved amount and the local share is 20% or \$25,000.00

Increase the Appropriation for Fire Department Fund 01300, Department 2800700 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Increase the Revenue source in Fund 01300, Department 2800700, Revenue Source Code 321015 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Alex Jackson, Chief, Minneapolis Fire Department

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee Approval ___ Date _____

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Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____

Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

XX Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget

Dept Name: 2800700 Fire Grants and Donations

Fund Name: 01300 Grants-Federal

Project Name & Number (if capital budget):

Amount: \$100,000.00

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

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Community Impact

Supporting Information

- The current SCBA equipment was purchased in 2002 and has seen considerable use. The straps that are used to hold the SCBA on the firefighters' body are wearing. The Integrated Control Modules (ICM) which acts as both a motion detector for a downed firefighter and a gauge for the remaining air left in a cylinder are malfunctioning and need to be replaced. While the current equipments is compliant with NFPA standards, the use of the grant funding will allow the replacement of failing parts and ensure that SCBA equipment operates as it should and will not fall off or malfunction during use.
- Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) provides financial assistance directly to fire departments to enhance their capabilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. 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 FY 2009 the Department was awarded \$120,000 for the purchase of two SCBA fill stations. In FY2008 the Department was 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.