



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

Date: February 8, 2010

To: Don Samuel, Chair, Public Safety and Health Cmt.

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

Subject: Assistance to Firefighter Grant FY 2009 Acceptance

Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Department to accept a FY 2009 Assistance to Firefighter competitive grant to replace two Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) filling air compressor systems in the amount of \$120,359.00. The federal share is 80% or \$96,288.00 of the approved amount and the local share is 20% or \$24,071.00

Increase the Appropriation for Fire Department Fund 01300, Department 2800700 in the amount of \$96,288.00.

Increase the Revenue source in Fund 01300, Department 2800700, Revenue Source Code 321002 in the amount of \$96,288.00.00.

Previous Directives: 5/8/09 PS&RS & W&M/Budget recommends that the proper City officers be authorized to submit an application seeking a Fiscal Year 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$130,000 from the United States Department of Homeland Security to replace two self contained breathing apparatus filling air compressor systems.

Department Information

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Approved by: Alex Jackson, Chief, Minneapolis Fire Department
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

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: \$96,288.00

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

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Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

Supporting Information

- The current SCBA fill station we have was purchased in 1981. It has two compressors one of which no longer works. The remaining compressor is far beyond its life expectancy and we can no longer get replacement parts. Our current fill system sits on the apparatus floor of one of our stations and offers little in terms of fragmentation or sound barriers. MFD is requesting \$110,359 to purchase a new SCBA fill station with back up compressor. We are also requesting \$10,000 for electrical upgrade to accommodate the new compressors and to cover installation costs.
- 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.