



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#13-0752

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: June 4, 2013

TITLE: Motion – Grant Application for FEMA FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters
Grant Program: Fire Boat - Replacement

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to apply for a replacement fireboat via the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. Matching funds are budgeted for in the proposed FY 2013/2014.

Background

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

The Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue (FLFR) Department would like to apply for the FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace their current FY 2004, 27' McKee Craft Fire Boat.

The existing vessel is unreliable, its maintenance needs are extreme, and not chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) capable. Due to the “manufactured” layout of the boat (engine and pump located on bow) maneuverability of the vessel is extremely poor and prohibits adequate storage of equipment. As a result, equipment is either loose or tied down, making life saving operations difficult and hazardous to all passengers on the boat.

FLFR is seeking a 30'- 42' fire boat that has a pumping arrangement that enables the boat to pump water for fire suppression at maximum capacity while maintaining

manueverability. This will allow the boat to act as a hydrant with an endless supply of water for supporting land units while remaining on station under its own power. The boat shall have twin fire pumps producing 3100-3600 GPM along with a roof and bow mounted monitors with the ability to pump foam dive platform rated for 2500 lbs.

Additionally, the new fire boat will be CBRNE compliant. The CBRNE capabilities will include: crew isolation from the environment with air handling and isolation system; decontamination area for patients, emergency responders and equipment; fixed gas detectors for toxic chemicals and flammable gasses; and real-time CBRNE threat control solutions that relay data from wireless monitors and detectors to a central command location on the boat.

We are currently waiting for the Federal Government to balance their budget and announce that they are soliciting grant applications. Once that announcement is made, Fire-Rescue staff will submit the application for the replacement fireboat.

The grant application of \$850,000 includes a \$170,000 (20% Local Cash Match), to USDSHS: FEMA FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$170,000. Future expenditures are contingent upon the approval and appropriation of the FY2014 operating budget.

FISCAL YEAR	FUND	SUB FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2014	001	01	GENERAL FUND	FD001	General Fund	9129	Transfer to Misc. Grants	\$170,000.00
					TOTAL			\$170,000.00

Related CAM(s): #12-1157
11-1225
10-0716

Attachment(s)

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