



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

#14-0891

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 19, 2014

TITLE: Acceptance of a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, FEMA FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$834,597.

Recommendation

It is recommended that City Commission approve a motion authorizing the proper City officials to accept a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and authorize the execution of any documents required to accept funds between FEMA and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

In November 2013, the Fire-Rescue Department applied for funds through the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant, whose purpose is to provide funds to National, State, Local or Community organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise with respect to Fire Prevention or Firefighter safety programs and activities.

In July 2014, the Department was notified that its' funding application for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) was approved.

The Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue (FLFR) staff has conducted a comprehensive risk and hazard assessment and has identified that we have 150 SCBA airpacks, (1997 National Fire Protection Association [NFPA 1981]) – compliant, along with 350 issued masks and 300 cylinders with valve assemblies. FLFR's current personal protective equipment is not chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) compliant. Due to high utilization and age of this equipment, significant repair has been required which creates both a support and operational hardship.

These current air packs and cylinders are 12 years old and in two (2) years we will not be able to hydrostatically test the existing 286 cylinder/bottles due, as they will be out of date for qualified testing.

The current NFPA 1981 Standard has been revised and was released in March 2013. FLFR requested support from the FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the following items: 165 complete SCBA – 5500 psi, CBRNE, quick connect regulator, buddy breathing, pass devices; 310 cylinder/bottles & valve assembly, carbon fiber, 45 min, 5500 psi; 40 cylinder/bottle & valve assembly, carbon fiber, 60 min, 5500 psi; 450 facepieces w/ Kevlar head harness; and 25 voice amplifiers.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has received \$834,597 from US Department of Homeland Security/FEMA with a \$92,733 (10% local cash match).

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$834,597 and a 10% local cash match in the amount of \$92,733. Funds are being appropriated through companion item 14-0857

Funds available as of July 7, 2014					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
129-GSCBA15 - C319	FY13 AFG SCBAs	FEMA to DHS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$834,597
129-GSCBA15	Q001 GSCBA15	General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92,733
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$927,330

Appropriate					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE/SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (OBJECT CODE)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (OBJECT CODE)	AMOUNT
129-GSCBA15-6499	SCBAs	Other Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$927,330
FD001-9129	General Fund	9129 to be transferred to misc. grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92,733
APPROPRIATION TOTAL					\$927,330

Strategic Connections:

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

Goal 10: Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.

Objective 1: Provide and effectively communicate comprehensive emergency management planning and disaster recovery.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

Related CAM - #13-0753

Attachment: EX – 1 Grant Acceptance Letter

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