



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

**#13-0753**

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**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: Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to apply for Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus via the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. Matching funds shall be in the proposed FY 2013/2014 budget.

**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, 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) has conducted a comprehensive risk and hazard assessment and has identified that we have 150 SCBA airpicks, 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 are 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and in two (2) years we will not be able to hydrostatically test the existing 286 cylinder/bottles due, as they will be out of date for qualified testing.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 is requesting support from the FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the following items: 165 complete SCBA – 4500 psi, CBRNE, quick connect regulator, buddy breathing, pass devices; 310 cylinder/bottles & valve assembly, carbon fiber, 45

min, 4500 psi; 40 cylinder/bottle & valve assembly, carbon fiber, 60 min, 4500 psi; 450 facepieces w/ Kevlar head harness; 60 voice amplifiers; 20 RIT packs; 7 lightweight complete SCBA packs.

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

The grant application of \$1,000,000 includes a \$200,000 (20% Local Cash Match), to USDHS: FEMA FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

**Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$200,000. 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	\$200,000.00
					<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$200,000.00</b>

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

Attachment(s)

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