



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-1031

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

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

DATE: September 7, 2016

TITLE: Acceptance of a Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security, FEMA FY 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount \$ 428,010

Recommendation

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

Background

In December 2015, 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 August 2016, the Department was notified that its funding application for a wellness/fitness exam was approved.

The staff of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) while completing our accreditation process through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) in late 2014 and accreditation status in August 2015, conducted a comprehensive risk analysis and identified the need to implement mandatory annual physicals and immunizations for existing full-time personnel under a well-defined and medically validated wellness/fitness program. Additionally, this is a CFAI Core Competency under Category 7 – Human Resources, Criterion 7G: Wellness/Fitness Programs.

Currently, FLFR provides entry level physical examinations for all firefighter/paramedics and Ocean Rescue Lifeguards, and annual medical screenings for Hazardous Materials and Marine/Dive Teams, in which Marine/Dive Team receive limited immunizations. The City provides an employee assistance program to all Fire and Ocean Rescue

personnel. Finally, FLFR has two full-time chaplains that are trained in critical incident stress management (CISM) and are called upon when the need arises.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been awarded \$428,010 from the US Department of Homeland Security/FEMA with a \$42,800 (10% local cash match).

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$428,010 and a 10% local cash match in the amount of \$42,800. Funds are being appropriated through companion item 16-1028.

Funds available as of August 12, 2016					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GWELL17-C319	FY15 AFG Wellness/Fitness	DHS to FEMA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$428,010
129-GWELL17 - Q001	FY15 AFG Wellness/Fitness	General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,800
				TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$470,810

Appropriate					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GWELL17-3199	FY15 AFG Wellness/Fitness	Other Professional Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$470,810
001-FD001-9129	General Fund	Tr to Misc Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,800
				TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$513,610

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 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.

Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Grant Acceptance Letter

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