



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item D
December 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval to apply for a 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace the Novi Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment with a total potential 10% match of \$18,655 by the City of Novi.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Public Safety- Fire *DEM*

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: *[Signature]*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has posted the FY 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders 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 AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$306 million to fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country. AFG's goal is to enhance response capabilities and provide for the protection of the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations to obtain training, conduct fire responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles.

Applications will be accepted December 7, 2015 through January 15, 2016 and are awarded on a rolling basis. The period of performance is 12 months from the date of award. Grantees must accept the awards within 30 days of the award, and complete the project/activities within the one year period of performance. The Novi Fire Department is seeking approval to submit the following grant:

Firefighter equipment: Purchase of 26 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), with accompanying spare 45 minute air bottles and 87 face pieces. This purchase would replace all SCBA units that have reached their maximum service life. The new units will update the firefighters to the latest technology while bringing the department's SCBA's into compliance with the latest NFPA standard for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. **Anticipated project total cost is \$186,554 which includes a 10% grant match by the City of Novi of \$18,655.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to apply for a 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace the Novi Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment with a total potential 10% match of \$18,655 by the City of Novi.

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Mayor Gatt				
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Council Member Burke				
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Council Member Wrobel				

MEMORANDUM



TO: DAVID E. MOLLOY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
FROM: JEFFERY R. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF EMS/FIRE OPERATIONS *JRJ*
SUBJECT: 2015 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT REQUEST
DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2015

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In the grant guidance and workshop for the 2015 AFG, it lists Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and specifically Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for each riding position as one of its highest priorities for grant consideration. Further, in order for PPE/SCBA's to be considered "obsolete", it must be a minimum of two National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) cycles and 10 years of age or older. Currently, the Novi Fire Department (NFD) has the need to replace 26 SCBA seated apparatus positions among our first response vehicles that are reaching their maximum service life and considered "obsolete" according to the AFG. Additionally, the NFD currently has 87 active firefighters that will need a new mask.

The Public Safety Administration believes that requesting the replacement SCBA's has the highest potential for our department to receive a positive award. We will seek Council's approval at the December 21st meeting to apply for the 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace the fire department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with a total anticipated project cost of \$186,554 and match of \$18,655 by the City of Novi and the federal share of \$167,899.