



# Measure Z Purchase - Personal Protective Gear (PPE)

## Fire Department

City Council  
April 8, 2025



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## COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Budget Engagement Committee convened on February 13, 2025, to review and consider recommending that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation in the total amount of \$506,284 for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the amount of \$371,284 and \$135,000, respectively.

Following discussion, the Commission unanimously voted to support the recommendation.



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## BACKGROUND

- **Critical Role of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**
  - Firefighters rely on PPE for safety during emergencies, including fires, rescues, and hazardous incidents
    - Extreme conditions lead to significant wear and tear.
  
- **Inventory Challenges:**
  - Supply shortages and inflation have driven up the cost of PPE considerably.
  - A combination of increased replacement costs and frequent wear and tear has left the department unable to maintain an adequate inventory of PPE.
  - This shortage affects the ability to properly outfit firefighters and maintain reserve equipment while PPE is being cleaned or repaired



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## DISCUSSION

- **Fire Public Safety Additional PPE Needed:**
  - RFD is experiencing PPE shortages due to increased wear and tear and rising replacement costs driven by inflation and supply chain disruptions.
    - These shortages compromise firefighter safety and operational readiness.
  
  - Additional PPE is essential to properly outfit all personnel and maintain reserves for cleaning or repairs.



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## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

**This item contributes to Strategic Priority Number 2: Community Well-Being and Goal 2.6 – Strengthen community preparedness for emergencies to ensure effective response and recovery.**

### Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability &  
Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of PPE in the amount of \$135,000; and
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$135,000 from Measure Z fund balance for Fire PPE.



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