



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: June 7, 2016

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

**SUBJECT: 2015 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

ISSUE:

Approval to submit an application for the 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant program to fund fire and life safety public education activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council approve the submittal of an application to the Department of Homeland Security to obtain funding for fire and life safety public education activities, in the amount of \$85,204, with a required City match of \$4,057 (5 percent of total).

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The Grant Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program as part of the overall AFG Program. The purpose of the FP&S Program is to enhance the safety of the public with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by assisting fire prevention programs. To this end, the FP&S Grant Program provides competitive, one-year awards to eligible applicants to carry out fire prevention and education activities targeting high risk groups, for the purpose of mitigating the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards.

At this time, the Fire Department requests City Council approval to submit an application to DHS requesting grant funding to carry out a 12-month fire and life safety public education campaign. This campaign has three core objectives:

1. Installation of up to 1,000 10-year sealed smoke alarms in Riverside residences;
2. Presentations to Riverside elementary schools, reaching 600+ at-risk students; and
3. Live presentations for 500+ older adults, and an estimated 10,000+ persons at a community safety fair, including instruction on escape planning, smoke alarm installations, and overall fire safety.

If awarded, the Fire Department will partner with the local school districts, the California School for the Deaf-Riverside, and the non-profit California Fire Prevention Organization to perform direct in-home inspections and smoke alarm installations at no cost to residents; provide hands-on, interactive training to 4th and 5th grade students to become “Junior Fire Inspectors,” leading to hundreds of inspections and smoke alarm installations; and provide smoke alarms, printed safety educational materials and demonstrations at local community events. In addition, grant funds will allow the development of localized data, educational and online resources web content for the newly launched MySafe: Riverside program at www.mysaferiverside.org.

Award notification is anticipated within 12 months.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, the FP&S Grant Program will fund 95 percent of the total fire and life safety educational campaign costs, or \$81,147. The required 5 percent matching funds totaling \$4,057 are readily available in the Fire Department’s proposed 2016/17 budget in account 3510000-421000.

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