



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2016**

**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE 2016 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT REQUESTING CARDIAC MONITOR DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,070,632, WITH A REQUIRED CITY MATCH OF \$97,330 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Approval to submit a grant application for the amount of \$1,070,632 (\$973,302 in grant funds plus a 10% \$97,330 required cash match) to the Department of Homeland Security, 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase new cardiac monitor defibrillators.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the submittal of an application to the Department of Homeland Security, 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, for the purchase of new cardiac monitor defibrillators, in the amount of \$1,070,632, with a required City match of 10% (\$97,330); and
2. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of the grant, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account as assigned by the Finance Department.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Through the Department of Homeland Security, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program provides one-year awards to fire departments for mission-critical training and equipment to improve fire emergency response times and increase firefighter safety. As the premier grant funding source for the fire service, AFG awards are highly competitive, with applications receiving a detailed, multi-level review and evaluated for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, technical feasibility and anticipated effectiveness of the proposed project. Only the highest scoring applications result in an award.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Fire Department's current cache of cardiac monitors/defibrillators has exceeded the

recommended useful service life of 8 years for technology based equipment and is in need of replacement. If awarded, AFG grant funds will be used to purchase 25 new cardiac monitor/defibrillators, enough to replace existing equipment on each of our 14 fire engines, 3 rescue squads, 3 trucks, 4 reserve engines and 1 EMS/Training vehicle.

On average, the Fire Department responds to 34,236 calls annually, of which approximately 69% are emergency medical services related. Cardiac monitor/ defibrillators are used routinely on all EMS calls to monitor patient vital signs and relay critical information directly to hospitals, improving outcomes for heart attack, stroke and trauma patients. New cardiac monitors/ defibrillators will help ensure that the Fire Department is properly equipped to provide the most technologically advanced EMS pre-hospital care.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If awarded, the AFG grant will fund 90% of the total cost, or \$1,070,632. The required 10% matching funds totaling \$97,330 are available in Fire Equipment Refresh Account 0000720-225891.

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