



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of November 15, 2016
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of December 13, 2016

DATE: October 28, 2016
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Approval to ratify grant application submission in the amount of \$391,200 from the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

CAPTION:

Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$391,200 to the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Specifically this grant would fund (a) necessary water rescue training and (b) hardwired smoke, fire, and heat detectors in fire stations and engine rooms.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi has a fire station that is the 6th busiest fire stations in the United States. Despite the size of the city, the CCFD is fulfilling greater demands to keep the community safe. In order to maintain recognized standards and provide adequate and continuous training for firefighters, the CCFD is applying for \$391,200 in grant funds which requires a 10% match. These funds will be utilized to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards, and assist in its mission to protect life, property, and the assets of the City from any emergency situation. Funds awarded from this grant would be utilized to (a) provide training and equipment to meet NFPA requirements, which includes general water rescue, flood and swift water rescue, bay and surf rescue, and boat rescue certifications (b) provide hardwired and monitored smoke, fire, and heat detectors, and alarm security to all fire stations.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council approval needed to apply for the grant.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item			
BALANCE			

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the Resolution to ratify the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$391,200 to the Assistance of Firefighters Grant Program

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution