



# City Council Report

**Date:** September 10, 2018  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Mary Cameli, Fire Chief  
Tara Acuna, Deputy Director Fire  
**Subject:** 2018 Assistance to Firefighter Grant: Authorization for Acceptance (Citywide)

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

The Mesa Fire and Medical Department respectfully requests the City Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Maricopa to accept an award of \$168,814.25 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to be used for training at the Virtual Incident Command Center (VICC) by Mesa Fire and Medical Department and the other the regional grant recipients, including: the City of Maricopa Fire Department and The Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, City of Chandler, City of Peoria, City of Scottsdale, City of Sun City, Gila River Indian Community, Rio Verde Fire District, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Town of Gilbert.

## **Background**

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) provides financial assistance to fire departments to support the resources necessary to more effectively protect the life and safety of the public and emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards. The authority for AFG is derived from the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. §§ 2229 et seq.), as amended. Congress appropriated a total of \$285,625,000 for the FY 2018 AFG.

In February 2018, The City of Maricopa Fire Department submitted a regional application, which included Mesa Fire and Medical Department, City of Chandler, The City of Peoria, City of Scottsdale, City of Sun City, Gila River Indian Community, Rio Verde Fire District, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Town of Gilbert Fire and Rescue Department. under the AFG's training category. The grant request was for training at the Virtual Incident Command Center (VICC) for members that include, Mid-Rise/High-Rise 2-Day Workshop and 2-Day Company Officer Workshop. The training will help departments meet NFPA 1407 standard for rapid intervention crews, and sections of NFPA 1500, which sets minimum requirements for fire service related occupational safety and health program as well as NFPA 1581 familiarization with incident management systems.

## **Discussion**

In July 2018, FEMA notified the City of Maricopa Fire Department of an award amount of \$880,940.36. The federal share is 85 percent or \$748,799.31.

The City of Maricopa Fire Department is the host applicant and responsible for the grant accountability of the assets and all reporting requirements. The Mesa Fire and Medical Department, City of Chandler, City of Peoria, City of Scottsdale, City of Sun City, Gila River Indian Community, Rio Verde Fire District, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Town of Gilbert Fire and Rescue Department in good faith through this Memorandum of Understanding will pay for its percentage of the grant required cost match for the aforementioned training and overtime including all applicable taxes.

**Alternatives**

The alternative would be to not enter into the Memorandum of Understanding and decline acceptance of the funds, which would require Mesa to fully fund the training or not conduct/participate in the training.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Assistance to Firefighter Grant requires a 15% match; therefore, the estimated cost to MFMD is up to \$29,790.75. The City match is funded by the FY18/19 Fire and Medical Department budget. The final amount will be determined upon completion of training.

**Coordinated With**

If the Memorandum of Understanding is authorized and accepted, the Mesa Fire and Medical Department will work in coordination with the City of Maricopa Fire Department to meet all grant requirements.