



City Council Report

Date: August 24, 2020
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Mary Cameli, Fire Chief
Subject: FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for Source Capture Exhaust Extraction Systems

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to notify the Council of a grant award and to request a resolution authorizing its acceptance. The requested resolution will authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Subgrantee Agreement on behalf of the City with FEMA. The Agreement provides \$492,832.60 to the Mesa Fire and Medical Department (MFMD) for the purchase and installation of source capture vehicle exhaust extraction systems for 16 MFMD facilities.

Background/Discussion

Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The AFG program has identified funds for the Mesa Fire and Medical Department in the amount of \$492,832.60. If approved, the funding will be used to purchase and install source capture vehicle exhaust extraction systems to eliminate exposure to carcinogens caused by vehicle exhaust fumes. This is a very important step MFMD is taking towards the cancer abatement initiative.

For budget year 2021, the AFG award will provide \$492,832.60 for source capture exhaust extraction systems.

Alternatives

If the Subgrantee Agreement is not approved, the funding will remain with FEMA to be distributed to other agencies nationwide, resulting in a loss of funding for the Mesa Fire and Medical Department.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$492,832.60 and a 10% match is required. As a result, the City of Mesa's match requirement totals \$49,283.26. Approving the use of these grant funds will allow the City of Mesa to accept grant funding allocated to the health of Mesa Fire and Medical Department's members.

Coordinated With

This grant funding will be managed through the Mesa Fire and Medical Department and they are in support of this resolution.

