



City Council Report

Date: October 20, 2025
To: City Council
Through: Ken Cost, Assistant City Manager
From: Mary Cameli, Fire Chief
Subject: FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for Cancer Screenings and Automatic CPR Devices

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 an Agreement on behalf of the City with FEMA. The Agreement provides \$1,369,936.63 to the Mesa Fire and Medical Department (MFMD) for the cost of a full cancer screening physicals for 506 sworn members (sworn employee count at the time of grant application).

Background/Discussion

Since 2001, AFG has protected the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG program has identified funds for the Mesa Fire and Medical Department in the amount of \$1,369,936.63. If approved, the funding will be used to provide colonoscopies (including anesthesia, biopsies, and path) for all Firefighters between the ages of 40-44 since insurance covers those 45 years of age and older; oncology consultations, exams, and follow-ups for all Firefighters; dermatology consultations for all Firefighters; prostate cancer screenings for all male Firefighters 40 years of age and older; QT breast ultrasounds for all female Firefighters; and heavy metal tox screenings for sworn members of the HazMat team and high-risk members. The funding will also be used to purchase automatic CPR devices and related supplies for the department's ambulances. The goals associated with implementing the use of automatic CPR devices include improving patient outcomes, enhancing operational efficiency, and promoting responder safety.

For budget year 2026, the AFG award will provide \$645,163.63 for cancer screenings and \$724,773.00 for automatic CPR devices via reimbursement funding.

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 \$1,369,936.63. and a 10% match is required. As a result, the City of Mesa's match requirement totals \$136,993.66. 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 members and the patients it serves.

Coordinated With

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