

MEETING DATE
April 24, 2017
Subject: DHS Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Application



AGENDA REPORT

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Section: Consent Agenda
Item #: 6

Department/Office: Fire/Rescue

Requested Action or Motion: Move to approve the submittal of a Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S) for fire prevention and safety related equipment with 5% of the total being a required funding match from the City, and authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to sign all FP&S related documents as necessary.

Summary Explanation & Background:

The Department of Homeland Security has opened the application period for the Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program for FY 16. This program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness (OPD). The program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the U.S. These funds are used by the nation's fire departments to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs.

The Fire Rescue Department plans to seek this grant funding for a fire safety training robot and support equipment. The robot is an exciting tool for teaching fire safety. A fully animated fire truck robot, moves, speaks, listens plays MP3s and sounds its siren, all by remote control. Training may take place at various outdoor festivals throughout the year, during Fire Prevention Month activities and during other special events as invited or required. Use of the robot will allow for the expansion of our Public Education program. The total grant submittal will be \$10,250.00 with the City's match being \$512.

The online portal for the electronic submittal of this grant is open between April and May 2017; subsequent awards being made in phases ending September 30, 2017. The FP & S has become a highly competitive process and all efforts have been made to submit for equipment which will assist in providing safe and quality training for our citizens, day time population, businesses and property owners.

Fiscal Impact:

If the grant is awarded, the City match of \$512 (5%) will come from the designation for Matching Grants. The life expectancy of the equipment is greater than 10 years, so there would be no immediate budgetary impact.

Exhibits:	Contact Person: Charles Van Camp, Asst. Fire Chief Phone #: 407-539-6225	
Commission/Board:		
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