

MEETING DATE
January 8, 2018
Subject: 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant - Extrication Equipment



AGENDA REPORT

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Section: Consent Agenda
Item #: 5

Department/Office: Fire/Rescue

Requested Action or Motion: Move to approve the submittal of a \$59,522 Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighters Grant and authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to sign all related documents as necessary.

Summary Explanation & Background:

The Department of Homeland Security opened the application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program for FY 17 on December 26, 2017. The program assists fire departments throughout the U.S. These funds are used by the nation's firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, to improve firefighter health and safety programs and to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs. Congress provided \$310 million in appropriations for the FY 2017 AFG.

The Fire Rescue Department is seeking this grant funding for the purchase of extrication equipment. The department currently uses hydraulic extrication equipment (one set of cutters, one set of spreaders, one ram, one hydraulic unit, two sets of hydraulic hoses) on both of its fire suppression apparatus. This equipment is essential for quickly and efficiently removing critically injured patients from vehicles and machinery. This equipment is also significantly old and is in need of replacing.

The department is looking to replace its hydraulically operated extrication equipment with battery powered equipment. Battery powered extrication equipment is lighter and is not tethered to a hydraulic pump. This allows firefighters to be able to operate the equipment with less restriction and generates less fatigue. This equipment will greatly enhance the lifesaving capabilities of the department by allowing firefighters to conduct extrications more rapidly and effectively.

This is a 95/5 matching grant. If awarded the grant, funding from AFG would be \$56,545 with the City's match being \$2,977.

Fiscal Impact:
If the grant is awarded, the City match of \$2,977 will come from the designation for Matching Grants.

Exhibits:	Contact Person: Charles Van Camp, Asst. Fire Chief Phone #: 407-539-6225
Commission/Board:	
Reviewed by City Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	