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FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator
Cinda Hilger, Administrative Secretary
Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

FROM: Gary Ronzheimer, Battalion Chief, Fire Department

DATE: August 12th, 2020

SUBJECT: Request authorization to submit grant request to DHS AFG

INTRODUCTION:

Request to approve grant award from Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$260,909.09. The Grant was awarded to the City of Muscatine to assist with the purchase of SCBA packs and face pieces.

BACKGROUND:

If February of 2020, the fire department requested that City Council approve a grant request to DHS in the amount \$425,000.00 for the purchase of SCBA packs and face pieces. The City's match at the time of request would have been \$43,500.00. DHS approved our grant and awarded the City of Muscatine \$260,909.09 with the condition of a 10% match of \$26,090.01

DHS offers grant submittals annually. Total available funding this grant period is \$ 315,000,000 and projected number of awards are 2,500. FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) provides funding for the essentials that firefighters and first responders need to be safe and effective on the job. The original purchase of our current SCBA packs were in 2001 with an AFG grant and a 10% city match. Two previous grant attempts for SCBA were unsuccessful due to the competitiveness of the grants and projected number of awards.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

We are requesting that City Council approve and accept the grant including the 10% match of \$26,909.01. If accepted the Muscatine Fire Department would purchase new SCBA pack and face pieces.