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FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
Fran Donelson, Administrative Secretary

FROM: Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

DATE: January 2, 2018

SUBJECT: Request authorization to submit grant request to DHS AFG

INTRODUCTION:

Request to apply for a grant through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) packs. The grant opened up on December 26, 2017 and closes February 2, 2018. City Policy is to have council approval on grants that require a city match.

BACKGROUND:

The DHS offers grant submittals annually. 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. If awarded, and the city accepts, the federal match is 90 % of the total cost, which leaves a 10 % city match. Currently, we are requesting to apply for a grant for a 42 SCBA packs with face pieces and radio interface. The original purchase of our current SCBA packs were in 2001 with an AFG grant and a 10% city match.

The request at this time is just to fill out and submit the grant prior to the grant deadline of February 2, 2018. If the grant request is awarded, the city has the option at that time to accept or deny the grant. If accepted, the city's obligation would be to pay the 10% match of the awarded grant. If denied, it may have a negative effect on future grant application requests.

The anticipated cost of purchasing 42 SCBA packs and face pieces are \$ 283,920. If awarded and if the city would accept the grant, then the cities 10% match for the SCBA packs would be \$ 28,392.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

We are requesting that City Council authorize the Muscatine Fire Department to fill out a grant application and submit it to the Department of Homeland Security for 42 new SCBA packs. If the grant is awarded, and the city accepts the grant, then there would be a 10% city match.



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FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG) Open Application Period Announcement

The FY 2017 AFG application period will open on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at 8 AM ET and will close on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 5 PM ET.

Please make sure that you have thoroughly reviewed the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) prior to beginning your application, as it contains the latest updates to the FY 2017 AFG Grant Program. Begin preparing your application now by utilizing the [application assistance tools](#) available below.

FY 2017 Application Assistance Tools:

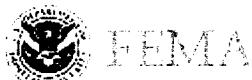
- [NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY \(NOFO\)](#) contains the key programmatic updates and application requirements for all eligible applicants.
- The [GET READY GUIDE](#) is designed to give you a kick-start in preparing your application. It will help better prepare you to thoroughly answer the application questions.
- The SELF-EVALUATION ASSISTANCE sheets are designed to help you understand the criteria that you must address in your Narrative Statement when applying for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program. There are two sheets, one for [OPERATIONS & SAFETY](#) and one for [VEHICLE ACQUISITION](#).
- The APPLICATION CHECKLIST will help you prepare your grant application. Collecting this information beforehand will reduce the time and energy needed to complete your application.
- The [COST SHARE CALCULATOR](#) allows you to determine your organizations Local Cost Share for grants. It is important to familiarize yourself with FEMA's administration of cost sharing requirements.
- Live application webinars coming soon. A separate message with the webinar dates will be distributed soon.

AFG Regional Representatives: <http://www.fema.gov/fire-grant-contact-information>

AFG Help Desk: E-mail: firegrants@fema.dhs.gov

Telephone Toll-Free: **1-866-274-0960**

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