

## City of Jackson

March 14, 2023

**Subject: ARPA Fire Protection Grant** 

Dear Mayor and Board of Aldermen,

Fire agencies throughout the state were given an opportunity to apply for a 50/50 matching grant through the Missouri Department of Public Safety for up to \$40,000. We have wanted to expand our current personal protective equipment to include a set of dual-purpose gear that can be used for vehicle extrications, as well as technical rescue and natural cover fires. It has been cost prohibitive in the past to outfit all our personnel in this dual-purpose gear, so personnel instead have worn their PPE for structural firefighting. So, with funding from this grant, we will be able to purchase a set of dual-purpose gear for all personnel and use an existing line item for firefighting PPE for the match. The benefit of having the dual-purpose gear is to save additional wear and tear on firefighting turnout gear which is four times the cost, as well as reducing the weight to the personnel and elimination of the thermal barrier by utilizing the dual-purpose gear during these events.

We did receive word that the grant was approved and we are asking for approval to allow the mayor to sign the appropriate paperwork to accept this grant award.

If you have any questions, you can contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Jason Mouser Fire Chief Jackson Fire Rescue 503 S. Hope St. Jackson, MO 63755