



AGENDA ACTION FORM

**Consideration of a Resolution to Apply and Receive the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the U.S. Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Department of Homeland Security**

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Staff Work By: Fire Chief, Jerry DeBerry  
Presentation By: Fire Chief, Jerry DeBerry

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**Strategic Focus Area: Sustainable Infrastructure**

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**Recommendation:**  
Approve the Resolution

**Executive Summary:**  
The Kingsport Fire Department requests approval to apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) under the Operations and Safety category to upgrade and replace exhaust removal systems at four fire stations. The total project cost is \$175,000, with the grant funded through a 90% federal and 10% local cost-share match.

The replacement of these station exhaust systems aligns with recommendations identified during the department's recent Accreditation site visit and supports Kingsport Fire Department's ongoing commitment to firefighter health, safety, and cancer prevention initiatives. Modern exhaust capture systems are critical in reducing firefighters' exposure to harmful diesel exhaust contaminants and other carcinogens within fire station environments.

If awarded, this grant will provide a cost-effective opportunity to improve workplace safety, reduce long-term health risks, and enhance compliance with industry best practices. The project represents a significant investment in the well-being of Kingsport Fire Department personnel and demonstrates the City's continued commitment to providing a safe and healthy work environment for its first responders.

**Attachments:**  
1. Resolution

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Duncan	—	—	—
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