

MEETING DATE
3/2/26

CITY OF LAKE CITY

Report to Council

COUNCIL AGENDA	
SECTION	
ITEM NO.	

SUBJECT: Request to apply for grant to buy additional firefighting gear.

DEPT / Fire Department

Originator: Ret Tompkins-Assistant Fire Chief

City Manager Don Rosenthal	Department Director Joshua Wehinger	Date 2-6-26
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Recommended Action: We are requesting permission to apply for a grant that requires a 25% match to the funds. This grant would buy additional firefighting gear.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Firefighting gloves and particulate hoods are worn during firefighting operations. This is not only a line of defense from injury to our head, neck and hands, but this is also a protection against carcinogens from contacting the skin and possibly going further into the human system. Studies have shown that the less contact with certain carcinogens a firefighter has lowers their chance of having cancer. These pieces of equipment face the most amount of wear and tear during operations of the safety gear we wear and frequently must be replaced to provide proper safety coverage. As small as these items are, they come with a bigger price tag as a set of gloves is \$100 a piece and a particulate hood is \$128 per item.

We are requesting to apply for a grant from the State of Florida that will allow us to purchase additional firefighting gloves and particulate hoods. This grant has a 25% match. The grant is worth \$1500 therefore we would need to pay \$500 to meet the required matching funds. We have \$500 in our budget; we are requesting permission to apply for this and use our budgeted funds to match.

This is a time sensitive measure as the grant application period will close soon and we could miss the window to be able to obtain these funds from the State of Florida instead of from our budget.

Alternatives: Purchase the items for the full amount out of our budget.

Source of Funds: Grant

Financial Impact: Saves the City of Lake City \$1500

Exhibits Attached: