

MEETING DATE
11/21/2022

CITY OF LAKE CITY

Report to Council

COUNCIL AGENDA	
SECTION	
ITEM NO.	

SUBJECT: Request to hire Firehouse Grants to apply for AFG grant to replace air-packs

DEPT / OFFICE: Fire Department

Originator: Joshua Wehinger, Fire Chief

City Manager Paul Dyal	Department Director Joshua Wehinger	Date 11/10/2022
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Recommended Action:

I would like to request the hiring of Fire House Grants to write the AFG grant in order to apply for replacement of aging air packs.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Air packs are our life line when entering any IDLH (Immediate danger to life or health) atmosphere and a piece of equipment that we cannot do without. Currently our air packs are 13 years old. Although well maintained, NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) notes that air packs begin to become obsolete after 2 NFPA revisions or 10 years of life. This does not mean that there is an end of life, but what we will begin to see is parts will not be available for repairs. As new packs have been developed, the old ones will be phased out.

We have the opportunity to hire Firehouse Grant Writers to assist in writing the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) which would allow for replacement of our current air packs. With the recent award of the SAFER Grant (Written by Firehouse Grants), they feel confident that we would be high priority for this award. At a cost of \$8,800 per air pack. We currently need 30 packs at a total cost of \$264,000. This would save the tax payers of our community and help our City save money.

The cost to hire Firehouse Grant Writers to write this grant would be \$4,500 (See attached). There is also a 5% cost share to this award that the City would have to accept. For a cost of less than \$20,000 (if awarded), we can replace our entire air pack inventory saving our tax payers close to \$250,000.

This is a time sensitive request as Firehouse Grants is only accepting request until December 1, 2022.

Alternatives: Pay for air packs out of other funds

Source of Funds: Grant

Financial Impact: Cost savings of close to \$250,000

Exhibits Attached:

Letter from Firehouse Grants