



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: Approval to apply for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) Grant to purchase an additional set of turnout gear for full-time firefighters (30) with an estimated cost to the City of \$6K-\$8K.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Public Safety – Fire Department

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$ 6,235.50
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$
LINE ITEM NUMBER	101-336.00-741.000 Supplies - Uniforms

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The firefighter's turnout gear is one of the most essential pieces of equipment they possess. Turnout gear is highly intricate, with each piece consisting of a fire-resistant outer shell, a thermal layer, and a moisture barrier. All these components must adhere to the criteria outlined in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1851) standards for firefighter turnout gear.

Over the last two years, the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union (MPFFU) has lobbied state legislatures to support full-time firefighters in acquiring an additional set of turnout gear. The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) has allocated \$15 million for a competitive grant that is exclusively designated for full-time firefighters. This grant is providing up to \$3,500 per full-time firefighter to purchase an additional set of turnout gear. As a combination fire department, our 28 full-time staff, Fire Chief, and Assistant Chief will be eligible for an additional set of turnout gear through this grant at a value of \$105,000.

The Novi Fire Department currently utilizes Lion V-force turnout gear. The additional set of turnout gear would remain consistent with this make and configuration. Based on a current quote, an additional set of gear is estimated to cost \$3,707.85, of which \$3,500 is covered by the state grant. The estimated cost per set to the City of Novi at \$207.85 would be approximately \$6,235.50. The actual quote could vary at the time of purchase. This funding will come from the existing uniform budget (GL Account 101-336.00-741.000) to cover the costs.

The application deadline is May 31, 2024, to apply for this grant. The availability of funds from this grant expires on September 30, 2027. We would anticipate the purchase of this additional set of gear in July 2024 (FY 2024-25).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to apply for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) Grant to purchase an additional set of turnout gear for full-time firefighters (30) with an estimated cost to the City of \$6K-\$8K.