



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: April 1, 2024
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Aimee New, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: 2024 Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Sonora Fire Department to submit 2024 Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant, authorize the City Administrator and/or Fire Chief to execute all documents relating to the grant applications, and direct the Fire Chief to return to the City Council with the application results and to accept the awards.

DISCUSSION

The Sonora Fire Department is requesting the City Council authorize the Fire Department to submit application to receive grant funding from the State through their Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant. This grant program provides funding for wildland/structural firefighting personal protective equipment, wildland/structural firefighting equipment and communications equipment. The Fire Department has applied for this grant each year and has been successful each year. If awarded, a grant identification project number will be assigned for tracking purposes. This year, the Department is applying for wildland equipment, scene lighting, Thermal Imaging camera, communications equipment, training supplies and structural PPE.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant allows for requests up to \$40,000. The required match is 50%. The City would be required to provide a fifty percent (50%) match for the grants awarded. The Fire Department would be requesting the maximum amount of the grant. The match would come from monies recovered from emergency deployments and would not impact the general fund.