



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 03, 2021

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Aimee New, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: 2021 Rural Fire Capacity Grant (Formally known as VFA grant)

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Sonora Fire Department to submit 2021 Rural Fire Capacity Grant (Formally known as the VFA-Volunteer Firefighter Assistance 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 Rural 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. In 2020, the Fire Department was awarded \$16,000.00 and was able to purchase structural and wildland PPE, radio equipment, and wildland firefighting equipment. If awarded, a grant identification project tracking number will be assigned. This year, the Department is applying for wildland safety packs including new fire shelters, radios, 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.