



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: June 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Brittan Gregory, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Authorization to Apply for the Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program for Replacement of Fire Prevention Vehicle

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Fire Chief to Apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program for the Acquisition of a Replacement Fire Prevention Vehicle and Authorize the City Administrator and Fire Chief to Execute all Necessary Grant Application Documents.

BACKGROUND:

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is administered by FEMA and is designed to provide funding directly to fire departments for equipment, training, personal protective equipment, emergency response vehicles, health and safety initiatives, and other resources necessary to protect emergency responders and the public. The program's primary objective is to help fire departments meet recognized national standards and improve operational readiness and firefighter safety. The Sonora Fire Department constantly seeks grant opportunities to reduce the financial burden on local taxpayers while maintaining a high level of emergency response. The AFG Program represents one of the most significant federal funding opportunities available to fire departments and has historically funded projects such as self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), personal protective equipment (PPE), communications equipment, training, and emergency response vehicles.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program provides funding opportunities for fire departments to replace aging emergency response vehicles and equipment that no longer meet operational needs. The Fire Department is seeking authorization to apply for grant funding to purchase a replacement Fire Prevention vehicle at an estimated cost of \$90,000. The proposed vehicle would serve as the primary platform for fire prevention operations, including Fire and life safety inspections, public education and community outreach programs, emergency incident response and disaster preparedness and community risk reduction initiatives.



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Replacement of the existing vehicle will improve reliability, reduce maintenance costs, enhance operational efficiency, and ensure fire personnel have dependable transportation and equipment capabilities necessary to support public safety services throughout the city. Applying for this grant does not obligate the city to purchase the vehicle. Should the grant application be successful, staff will return to the City Council for acceptance of the award.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated project cost is \$90,000.

Based on the City's population, the AFG program requires a local cost share of five percent (5%).

Estimated Project Cost: \$90,000

Federal Share: \$85,714.29

City Match: \$4,285.71

The final grant amount and required local contribution will be determined upon award. Matching funds would be budgeted and appropriated at the time of grant acceptance.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Stability, Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness.