

STAFF REPORT



SUBJECT: Assistance to Firefighter Grant Request

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

STAFF CONTACT: Jimmy D. Chew

RECOMMENDATION:

The Stephenville Fire Department would like permission to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$350,000 to be used to replace our complete self-contained breathing air (SCBA) system.

BACKGROUND:

Our current SCBA system is made up of components ranging in age from approximately 2 years to 16+ years of age, most of which is due for replacement at this time. While some of the bottles were replaced recently, our compressor, regulators, harnesses and several of the masks are from the original purchase. The new system would be of a modern high pressure design for extended breathing time and would have safety features not available on our current system.

This grant is issued by the Department of Homeland Security. Grant filing began January 4, 2021 with a submission deadline of February 12, 2021 and the anticipated funding selection date is April 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

This grant requires a 10% monetary match by the City which if approved would be approximately \$35,000.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Apply for grant to replace SCBA equipment.
2. Replace SCBA equipment with funding in a future budget.