

# City Council Meeting

## Agenda Item

### Data Sheet

Meeting Date: November 18, 2024

**Topic:**

Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for a grant application through the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant, in the amount not to exceed \$500,000, for the purchase of firefighter Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

**Background:**

The Fire Department is seeking authorization to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to fund the replacement of critical SCBA equipment. This grant application will not exceed a total request of \$500,000, with a 5% cost-sharing requirement that can be met with budgeted funds allocated in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, managed by FEMA, aims to enhance the safety of both the public and firefighting personnel by providing financial support for essential resources. This includes funding for equipment, training, and wellness initiatives. By securing this grant, we aim to upgrade our SCBA units to meet current NFPA standards, which will improve respiratory protection and operational readiness for our firefighters in high-risk situations.

The requested SCBA units are crucial for maintaining firefighter safety by providing reliable, modern respiratory protection during firefighting operations and hazardous incident responses. New SCBA units will replace aging equipment that no longer meets safety standards, addressing current operational needs and supporting overall department readiness.

**Origination:** Fire Department

**Recommendation:**

Approval

**Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:** Joe Sykora, Fire Chief

**FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)**

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes:  X  No:  \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, specify Account Number: # 100-142&145-6142

If no, funds will be transferred from account: #  \_\_\_\_\_  To Account: #

**Signed:** Joe Sykora 11/13/2024 **Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Member Date City Manager Date