

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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ITEM 6, FILE 010109

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #010109 is a resolution relative to application of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Background

1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has implemented a \$100 million nation-wide Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The purpose of the grant program is to help communities address unmet fire prevention and response needs.
2. Fire departments can apply for grants in any two of the following six categories:
 - Fire fighting vehicles
 - Personal protective equipment
 - Fire fighting equipment
 - Training
 - Wellness/fitness programs
 - Fire prevention programs
3. The grant program provides 70% of the costs, with a maximum award limit of \$750,000. The grant applicant provides 30% of the costs, making the maximum grant total \$1,071,429.

Discussion

1. The Fire Department has applied for funding in the fire fighting equipment and personal protective equipment categories.
2. If the grant is awarded, funding will be provided for the following:

Fire fighting Equipment (\$189,000)

3 Hydraulic Entry Tools
30 Walkie – Talkie Radios
Extrication Equipment

Personal Protective Equipment (\$881,704)

180 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
440 units of fire fighting clothing.

3. If the grant is awarded, the City portion of the grant (30%) will be made with funds provided for equipment in the Department's Budget.
4. The grant is anticipated to be awarded on October 1, 2001 and will run through September 30, 2002.

Fiscal Impact

The resolution has no fiscal impact. The resolution authorizes the application and the acceptance of the grant. The resolution does not authorize expenditures. If the grant is awarded, the Department will provide another resolution authorizing expenditures.

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