



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item H
November 24, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval to apply for a 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a Digital Fire Attack Training System with a total potential match of \$2,110 by the City of Novi.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Public Safety - Fire *DEM*

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: *[Signature]*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has posted the FY 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazard. The AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$306 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country. AFG's goal is to enhance response capabilities and provide for protection of the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations to obtain training, conduct fire responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles.

Applications will be accepted through December 5, 2014. AFG Grants are awarded on a rolling basis. The period of performance is 12 months from the date of award. Grantees must accept the awards within 30 days of the award, and complete the project/activities within the one year period of performance.

The Novi Fire Department is seeking approval to submit the following grant:

Firefighter Equipment: Purchase of a Digital Fire Training System "Trainers Package." The Digital Fire Training System combines digital flames, sound, and smoke to create a range of fire conditions that respond directly to hose line application. This will allow the fire department to create realistic fire conditions for training such as Vent Enter Search, Rapid Intervention Training (RIT), and Fire Ground Operations training. The system is portable and allows the firefighters to train in a realistic and safe environment. **Anticipated cost: \$21,100, Novi's grant match (10%) would be \$2,110.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to apply for a 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a Digital Fire Attack Training System with a total potential match of \$2,110 by the City of Novi.

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Mayor Gatt				
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Casey				
Council Member Markham				

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Council Member Poupard				
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