



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item J
October 22, 2018

SUBJECT: Approval to apply for the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace the Novi Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment and accessories with a total potential 10% match of \$25,287.70 by the City of Novi. Also, to apply for a regional AFG grant for 800 MHz mobile and portable radios with a potential 10% city match of \$10,015.75.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Public Safety – Fire *ben*

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 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$315 million to fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country. AFG's goal is to enhance response capabilities and provide for the 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 September 24, 2018 through October 26, 2018 and are awarded on a rolling basis. The Novi Fire Department is seeking approval to submit the following grants:

Firefighter equipment: The proposal includes the purchase of 34 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), 68 accompanying spare 45 minute air bottles, 100 face pieces, and two Rapid Intervention Bags. This purchase would replace all SCBA units that have reached their maximum service life of 12 years. The new units will update the firefighters to the latest technology while bringing the department's SCBA's into compliance with the latest NFPA standard for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. **Anticipated project total cost is \$252,877 which includes a 10% grant match by the City of Novi of \$25,287.70.**

Radios: The proposal includes the purchase of 12 mobile and 9 portable 800 MHz radios through a regional Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association (MABAS 3203) grant request. **Anticipated project total cost is \$100,155.75 which includes a 10% grant match by the City of Novi of \$10,015.75.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to apply for the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace the Novi Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment and accessories with a total potential 10% match of \$25,287.70 by the City of Novi. Also, to apply for a regional AFG grant for 800 MHz mobile and portable radios with a potential 10% city match of \$10,015.75.

MEMORANDUM



TO: DAVID E. MOLLOY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
FROM: JEFFERY R. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF EMS/FIRE OPERATIONS *JRJ*
SUBJECT: 2017 AND 2018 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT
DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2018

Since 2001, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. In the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) process there was approximately \$310.5 million awarded to fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country.

On January 22, 2018, the Novi Fire Department requested city council's approval to apply for a total grant sum of \$249,000 for 34 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), 68 accompanying spare air bottles, 94 face pieces, and one Rapid Intervention Bag. The competitive 2017 AFG grant match for Novi was \$24,900 or 10%. The replacement of these units was identified by the department as having a high priority due to the SCBA equipment being 12 years old and being at the end of their serviceable life. SCBA's are an integral part of firefighter safety and have helped save lives and improve fire ground operations. On September 12, 2018, the Novi Fire Department was notified that our 2017 grant proposal made it to the "peer review panel" but, unfortunately was not selected for funding given the high number of applications.

The 2018 AFG is now open. The Public Safety Team understands the importance of replacing our mandatory SCBA safety equipment and we have a placeholder in the 2020-21 FY budget, however, the fire department is requesting approval to re-apply for 2018 AFG Program for the SCBA's and a regional AFG grant for 800 MHz mobile and portable radios through Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid (MABAS 3203).

The Novi Fire Department is a member of the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association (MABAS 3203) with 19 surrounding communities. The group is applying for a regional grant through the AFG for 800 MHz mobile and portable radios. The Novi Fire Department is requesting 12 mobile and 9 portable radios at a cost of \$100,155.75 with a 10% city match of \$10,015.75. The second project cost is \$252,877 for 34 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), 68 accompanying spare air bottles, 100 face pieces, and 2 Rapid Intervention Bags. The competitive 2018 AFG grant match for Novi is \$25,287.70 or 10%.

Our 2018 AFG applications are in process and will be submitted by the due date on October 26, 2018, pending city council's authorization to proceed.