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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Stacie McCambridge for Barry Biermann - Fire Chief
County Fire Department

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SUBJECT: Grant Approval for SCBA Project

RECOMMENDATION

County Fire Chief requests approval of and authorization to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for approximately \$1,200,000 with an anticipated grant award in the Spring of 2019 and a one-year period of performance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is a result of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress earlier this year. The purpose of the grant is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. This grant is being administered by FEMA and provides direct financial assistance to eligible organizations.

The grant amount is for approximately \$1,200,000, with the County having a 10% cost share. These funds will be granted for the specific purpose of replacing 187 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) systems, 187 spare pressure cylinders, and approximately 210 SCBA masks. This will provide a mask for every responding member of the Napa County Fire Department. The SCBA's and cylinder's currently in use are at or near the end of their serviceable life and will be replaced with current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant SCBA's and masks.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No

What is the revenue source? This is a grant for approximately \$1,200,000 from FEMA. This grant has a 10% match requirement of \$109,090.91, which can be pulled from the current County Fire budget.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: None

Consequences if not approved: If not approved, County Fire will still be required to replace the SCBA's at a total cost to the County.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is a result of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress earlier this year. Among five basic homeland security missions noted in the DHS Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, the AFG Program is in support of the goal to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience, as well as Building a Culture of Preparedness and Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters. The purpose of the AFG grant is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. This grant is being administered by FEMA and provides direct financial assistance to eligible organizations.

The grant amount is for approximately \$1,200,000, with the County having a 10% cost share. These funds will be granted for the specific purpose of replacing 189 self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) systems, 187 spare pressure cylinders, and approximately 210 SCBA masks, which will provide a mask for every responding member of the Napa County Fire Department. The SCBA's and cylinder's currently in use are at or near the end of their serviceable life and will be replaced with current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant SCBA's and masks. The grant will enable County Fire to complete the purchase of SCBA, cylinders and masks with minimal impact to County funds.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) requires firefighters to don SCBA's for protection when entering a hazardous atmospheric environment, such as structure fires and hazardous materials releases. Acceptance of this grant will continue to enhance the safety of Napa County Fire Department emergency personnel by providing the most current equipment.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leigh Sharp