



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 3, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANY GRANT

DATE: MARCH 8, 2007

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT/ ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

**PRESENTATION
BY:**

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RECOMMENDATION:

- ❑ Staff recommends City Council accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from State Farm Insurance Company for portable gas detector devices.
- ❑ Approve a Budget Adjustment No. 07-066 to appropriate the grant funds to the Fire Department's operating budget (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

The Costa Mesa Fire Department requested \$5,000 in grant funds, to purchase portable gas monitor equipment, as per the attached grant proposal letter (Attachment 2). State Farm Insurance Company has continued to be an active partner with the Fire Department in the quest to enhance the ability to protect life and property in our community; therefore, State Farm Insurance Company has agreed to provide grant funds.

Funds shall be used to purchase the new, state-of-the-art equipment to ensure the safety of our firefighters, residents and visitors on a daily basis, as well as, in the event of a major emergency event.

Fire crews will be able to monitor the atmosphere during confined space rescue operations, a requirement of the California Occupational Safety & Health Administration (Cal-OSHA). The devices will be utilized on a daily basis during emergency operations to detect hazardous atmospheres, carbon monoxide, oxygen deficiency and other dangerous environments. Hazardous atmospheres include overhaul operations and carbon monoxide detector activations. The new gas monitors will replace the Department's eleven-year-old gas monitors that are routinely in need of repairs. The new units have the capability of performing a function test upon activation. This will decrease the amount of time necessary to enable the unit at the scene, allowing for quicker assessment of hazardous environments and the deployment of rapid rescue operations. The existing equipment does not have these necessary life-saving capabilities.

ANALYSIS:

The State Farm grant will enable the City of Costa Mesa to purchase three (3) portable gas monitors, including necessary accessories. Estimated cost analysis as follows:

3 Gas Monitors - \$1,140 each	\$3,420.
1 Calibration Kit	\$ 495.
3 Bump Alarm Test Gas Aerosol- \$50 each	\$ 150.
3 Protector Case - \$105 each	\$ 315.
Sales Tax Orange County (7.75%)	\$ 339.

The new monitors shall replace the existing monitors currently located on Fire Department apparatus. Unit numbers as follows: Mesa Squad 85, Mesa Quint 83 and Mesa Quint 86.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

No alternatives were considered.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There are no City matching funds required. Receipt of the grant funds will bind the City to the terms and conditions of the grant for use of the funds. Budget Adjustment number 07-066, is recommended for adoption, to appropriate the grant funding received to the Fire Department’s operating budget, for the equipment purchases referenced herein.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is necessary for this item.

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ATTACHMENT: 1 [Budget Adjustment No. 07-066](#)
2 [Grant Proposal Letter](#)

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