



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 16, 2010

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: 2009 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2010

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT/ GRANT ADMINISTRATION

**PRESENTATION
BY:**

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RECOMMENDATION:

- ❑ Staff recommends City Council accept a grant in the amount of \$9,282 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for Fire Department operations to augment the ventilation prop.
- ❑ Approve a Budget Adjustment No. 10-021 to appropriate the grant funds to the Fire Department's operating budget (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

The City requested \$9,282 in grant funds, to purchase equipment to construct a ventilation prop at fire station #4 for the Costa Mesa Fire Department through the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant will allow the Fire Department to build and augment their training ventilation prop at their regional training facility located at fire station #4. There is 20% in matching funds required by FEMA, which equates to \$1,856.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is designed as an opportunity for the United States Congress to work with FEMA to enhance basic fire service delivery throughout the country. These grants are extremely competitive and fire departments across the entire nation vie for these funds for the betterment of the jurisdictions they serve.

ANALYSIS:

The FEMA grant will enable the City of Costa Mesa to purchase materials to construct a ventilation prop for training purposes for our first responders. There is a 20% match of funds required as part of this grant.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

No alternatives were considered.

FISCAL REVIEW:

By accepting this grant, there is a 20% 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 10-021, is recommended for adoption, to recognize grant revenue and appropriate the grant funding received to the Fire Department's operating budget, for the equipment purchases referenced herein. The matching funds are already appropriated in the Fire Department's operating budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is necessary for this item.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends City Council accept this grant in the amount of \$9,282 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purchase of an SCBA filling station.

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Attachment 1 – [Budget Adjustment No. 10-021](#)

