



## Legislation Text

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### **Assistance to Firefighters Grant FY2009 Application for Incident Training Simulator (NB)**

**This item requests that the Commission authorize the City Manager to execute a grant award for the FY2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for an Incident Training Simulator.**

In April 2008, Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) submitted an application for Federal funds under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for FY2009. The application seeks funding for technology and equipment to complete a lab where a virtual scene is created and where trainees can practice the skills, knowledge, and abilities required for large-scale incident management in a controlled classroom setting. The request includes three projectors; 11 laptop computers and related multi-station management software; 12 portable radios; a digital simulation camera; and other workstation components. It is GFR's intent to ensure that, if awarded, the training simulator developed from this grant will be made available to other departments on a regional basis which will benefit our communities through enhanced command and control of large-scale, multi-agency incidents.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$56,550; the Federal Share is 80% or \$45,240 and the Applicant Share is expected to be 20% or \$11,310. Matching funds have been identified in the GFR Support Services Bureau's operating budget. Following the initial grant award, the project is proposed to be sustained by financial agreements with other jurisdictions for use of the training simulator and possibly through other grant funds. Future costs will include replacement of, and upgrades to: laptop computer software, radios, and other workstation components.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager, if awarded the grant, to: 1) execute the grant award contract and other necessary documents, pending approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) approve the required payments process for expending the grant funds and matching funds.

Alternate Recommendation A: The City Commission not authorize the City Manager to execute the grant award contract or provide the required match funding.