



## Legislation Text

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### **Assistance to Firefighters Grant 2012 Application for Replacement of Cardiac Monitor / Defibrillators (NB)**

**This item requests that the Commission authorize the City Manager to execute a grant awarded to the City of Gainesville through the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of equipment to replace the department's aged cardiac monitor/defibrillator units.**

In September 2012, Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) submitted an application for grant funds under the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for 2012. The application sought funding for the replacement of cardiac monitors purchased approximately 10 years ago. Due to changes in technologies and enhanced medical care protocols, the ability to replace the older units with current technologies is considered essential to fulfilling our mission within the delivery of emergency medical services. The units acquired will include the following technology: diagnostic quality 12-lead electrocardiogram acquisitions, electronic capnography, transthoracic pacing, pulse ox-symmetry, carboxy/methemoglobin measurement, and non-invasion blood pressure measurement. These technologies have become the standard of care in which their use is referred to in existing medical care protocol or in current medical practices.

This grant will allow GFR to make better use of city capital improvement dollars and maintain interoperability with all fire-rescue departments in Alachua County.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$610,465; the federal share is 80% or \$488,372; and the applicant share is expected to be 20% or \$122,093. Matching funds have been identified in the GFR capital improvement budget.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager 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.