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US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program FY2017 (B)

This item requests the City Commission authorize submittal of an application to the FY2017 AFG Grant Program for several fire rescue projects and authorize the City Manager or designee to accept the award, expend the funds, and provide the required matching funds.

The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The funds provide needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognize standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability and support community resilience. The grant supports the Core Capabilities of the National Preparedness Goal which include: Fire Management and Suppression; Environmental Response/Health and Safety; Threats and Hazards Identification; Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services; Operational Coordination; Operational Communications; Mass Search and Rescue Operations; Community Resilience; and Long-term Vulnerability Reduction. The projected number of awards is 2,500 competing for funding of \$310,500,000.

Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) is prepared to submit an application requesting funding for several programs that are represented in the Core Capabilities, such as Hazardous Materials SCBA air supply (\$55,000) and personal protective equipment (\$27,000); ballistic protection for first responders (\$50,000); wellness screening for cancer and firefighting related illnesses (\$74,000); Community Resource Paramedicine Program equipment to support community health care (\$61,000); and a quint aerial apparatus and equipment to provide fire management, suppression, and search and rescue operations (\$1,000,000). The total estimated amount for the application is \$1,267,000 and the match would be \$126,700.

The FY2017 AFG application period closes February 2, 2018 at 5:00 pm and the projected period of performance is March 1, 2018 through March 1, 2019.

The required match for the City of Gainesville is 10%, \$126,700. Matching funds are included in the FY18 and FY19 budgets for GFR and Fleet.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to: 1) apply, accept, and execute any and all related documents regarding the FY2017 AFG Grant subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 2) approve the necessary budget processes and expenditures for the required matching funds and purchases related to the grant award.