



Legislation Text

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US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program FY2020 (NB)

This item requests the City Commission authorize submittal of an application to the FY2020 AFG Grant Program 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 critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized 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 AFG program has several funding priorities: 1) Operations and Safety: Training; Equipment; Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); Wellness and Fitness; and Modifications to Facilities; 2) Vehicle Acquisition; and 3) Regional Projects. The projected number of awards is 2,000 competing for funding of \$319,500,000.

Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) is prepared to submit an application requesting funding for several programs that are represented in the Core Capabilities, such as:

One Heavy Rescue Truck and Equipment

One Brush Truck - \$250,000

Learning Management System - \$120,000

Two Community Resource Paramedic Vehicles - \$80,000

The total estimated amount for the application is \$1,290,000 and the 10% match would be \$129,000.

The FY2020 AFG application period closes February 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm and the projected period of performance is May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2023.

The required match for the City of Gainesville is 10%, \$129,000. Matching funds will be identified in the City's General Fund budget.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to: 1) apply, accept, and execute any and all related documents regarding the FY2020 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.