



## Legislation Text

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### **Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Application FY2020 (NB)**

This item recommends that the City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to apply for and, if awarded, accept grant funds from the FY2020 US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program.

The Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (FP&S) are part of the US Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant program and support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The application period for the FY2020 FP&S Grant funds opened January 25, 2021 and closes February 26, 2021.

Gainesville Fire Rescue proposes the submission of an application that would support two projects:

- 1) Integrated Pre-fire Plan, Fire Inspection, and Fire Investigation software needed to coordinate GFR's fire inspection, fire investigation and pre-fire planning efforts. The software will provide responding firefighters property and business information needed during emergency responses to optimize service delivery and enhance firefighter safety. New software will address the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) recommendation to better integrate data sources and records to ensure accuracy of risk data analysis. Cost \$40,000.00.
- 2) After the Fire Program tools and equipment which provide a direct after-the-disaster service and resource link to our neighbors who are affected by a disaster such as a residential house fire. This program will provide direct person to person contact or liaison between the fire department and our neighbors. Cost \$7,253.00.

This item is connected to Goal 5 “Best in Class” Neighbor Services in the City’s Strategic Plan Objective 6 to “Upgrade information technology systems - to better serve Neighbors.”

The total cost of both projects is estimated at \$47,253.00 and the required match for the City of Gainesville is 5%. The City could receive up to \$44,890.35. Matching funds of approximately \$2,362.65 will be identified in the department’s budget.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager: 1) submit the grant application; 2) if awarded, execute the grant contract, pending approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 3) approve required financial processes for expending the grant funds and matching funds.