



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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## **TITLE**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, APPROPRIATING \$156,736 IN THE FEDERAL GRANT FUND, AND AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTATION AND PROCUREMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS GRANT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Council adopt the resolution.

## **SUMMARY**

The Chula Vista Fire Department applied for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program to purchase new P25-compliant radios and for training costs to train all firefighters to the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) Firefighter Type 2 standard. The grant application was awarded for the purchase of 25 radios, wildfire training materials and supplies, and instructor costs for two NWCG courses for all Fire Department members.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

## **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Not applicable.

## **DISCUSSION**

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### Radios

New P25 radios will replace existing non-compliant radios currently installed in the firefighting apparatus fleet. This award will offset costs that would have been borne by the general fund and/or Measure P. With

the award of P25-compliant radios, the Fire Department will reset the usable life span on the frontline firefighting fleet and reduce maintenance and replacement costs.

### NWCG Training

Wildland firefighting is a constant reality in southern California and poses a significant threat in Chula Vista. The Fire Department has made wildland firefighting a training priority; however, funding sources are scarce in order to accomplish training and certification in the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) Firefighter Type 2 standard. Similar training has been provided to ensure Fire Department personnel are prepared and safe when fighting wildland fires. However, attaining the NWCG certificate courses will validate this training and bring the Department to industry standards. These courses will also allow Department members to achieve additional qualifications specific to the wildland firefighting discipline.

### **DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT**

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

### **CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT**

This is a cost-matching grant, with a City share of \$14,248 and the Federal share of \$142,488 totaling \$156,736. Approval of this resolution will result in the following fiscal year 2020 budget amendments and appropriations for this grant revenue and will authorize the expenditure of said revenue in the prescribed manner:

The City's share of the grant match for radios will be \$12,538 and will come from the Fire Department's operations division.

The City's share of the grant match for training will be \$1,709 and will come from the Fire Department training division's supplies and services fund.

Staff is requesting a total appropriation of \$156,736 to the Federal Grants Fund, with \$29,360 to the Personnel category and \$127,376 to the Supplies and Services category.

### **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no ongoing fiscal impacts that do not already exist within Fire Department funded operating budgets.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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