

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** FIRE

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 20, 2015

**SUBJECT:** The Acceptance of FY 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG); All Districts [\$193,360 total cost] 85% Federal Grant Funds with match of 8% General Funds and 7% Structural Fire Taxes

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Accept the FY 2014 AFG award in the amount of \$168,140 from the Department of Homeland Security; awarded to the Riverside County Fire Department with a cash match of \$25,220;
- 2) Authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to sign and administer all actions necessary and to sign any related grant documents; and,
- 3) Approve and Direct the Auditor-Controller to adjust appropriations and estimated revenue as outlined in Schedule A for the Fire Department for FY 15/16.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

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Glenn Patterson, Deputy Chief of Admin for  
John R. Hawkins, Fire Chief

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 193,360	\$ 193,360	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 15,469	\$ 15,469	\$ 0	

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** 85% Federal Funds, 8% General Funds, 7% Structural Fire Taxes

<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> Yes
<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 14/15 & 15/16

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY:

County Executive Office Signature

Alex Gann

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED**  
**PAUJANGILO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER**  
 BY:   
 Susana Garcia-Bocanegra  
 Departmental Concurrence

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

**3-33**

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FORM 11: The Acceptance of FY 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG); All Districts  
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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

The Department of Homeland Security has awarded Riverside County Fire funding in the amount of \$168,140 to purchase four (4) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Fill Stations for the unincorporated county areas, to augment equipment currently in use by firefighters. A comprehensive risk assessment conducted by the Fire Department determined the purchase of additional SCBAs as critical in reducing overall firefighter response times. Existing SCBA placement throughout the county is inadequate and serves as a risk to firefighters and to the public because of extended response times needed for firefighters to refill SCBA bottles.

In compliance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-30 (Coordination of Grants), the Fire Department notified the Executive Office of the pre-application and the obligated County funds are specifically budgeted in the current fiscal year. In addition, this grant pertains to the function of the Fire Department.

The Fire Department did receive funding from this source in 2010 to upgrade current mobile data computers (MDC) in frontline apparatus for the Fire Department, however this is a competitive grant and the department cannot expect to be funded annually. AFG is a suite of competitive discretionary grants comprised of three interconnected component programs: Operations and Safety, Vehicle Acquisition, and Joint/Regional, for awarding direct financial assistance to fire departments. Through direct financial assistance, AFG enhances the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel by providing a continuum of support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical and all-hazard events.

A budget adjustment is attached for approval (Schedule A) for the grant funding only. It has been reviewed and approved by the Auditor-Controller. The cash match is already budgeted in FY 15/16.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

These funds are dedicated to protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards in the unincorporated areas. The SCBA Fill Stations will reduce overall response times to areas of the county where there are gaps in coverage.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The Fire Department is responsible for providing the 15% cash match requirement (\$25,220). Grant funding will cover 85% of the total cost of the equipment (\$168,140) for a total cost of (\$193,360). The Fire Department's cash match will be covered by County General Fund already budgeted in fiscal year 15/16 per the requirements of the Department of Homeland Security. A budget adjustment is attached for approval (Schedule A) for the grant funding only for FY 15/16.

The performance period of this grant is June 22, 2015 to June 21, 2016. The performance period spans two fiscal years and the expectation is to fully expend these funds in FY 15/16 prior to the end of the period. No funds were expended in FY 14/15. Therefore, the Department is requesting a budget adjustment for FY 15/16 only.

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**Schedule A**

Fire Department FY15/16 Budget

<b>Increase Appropriations</b>		
10000-2700200000-527780	Special Program Expenses	\$168,140
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$168,140</b>

<b>Increase Estimated Revenue:</b>		
10000-2700200000-767220	Fed-Other Operating Grants	\$168,140
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$168,140</b>