

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

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FROM: Fire

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 16, 2015

SUBJECT: FY 2015 Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program Application Approval; [up to \$3.4 million available]; 85% Federal Funds and 15% Local Match; All Districts


RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors authorizes Riverside County Fire Department to apply for the FY 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.
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Departmental Concurrence


John R. Hawkins,
Fire Chief

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

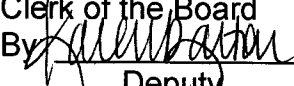
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 85% Federal Funds and 15% Local Match
Budget Adjustment: n/a
For Fiscal Year: 15/16

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE
BY: 
Tina Grande
County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 5, 2016
xc: Fire

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | District: All | Agenda Number:

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

The Department of Homeland Security has \$306 million available in grant funds for the FY 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Generally, the population of the jurisdiction served by the recipient will determine the maximum amount of AFG funding a recipient is eligible to receive. Notwithstanding this limitation based on population, no recipient may receive an award that exceeds one (1) percent of available grant funds in FY 2015, or \$3,400,000. The projected number of awards is 2,500.

The Fire Department is requesting to apply for \$3.4 million. The 15% match of \$525,000 is part of the operating budget of the Department. The application must be submitted by January 15, 2016. The performance period of this grant is twelve months from the date of the award. The estimated period start date is March 31, 2016.

In compliance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-30 (Coordination of Grants), the Fire Department is requesting approval to submit an application for the FY 2015 AFG. This grant pertains to the function of the Fire Department.

In FY 14/15, the Fire Department applied for \$173,047 of funding from the FY2014 AFG and received \$168,140 in FY 15/16. The AFG FY2014 award purchased four (4) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Fill Stations. AFG is a competitive grant and we 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.

If the Fire Department is awarded funding, Fire will seek acceptance of the award from the Board of Supervisors.

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 area.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

The AFG requires a 15% cash match. The Fire Department's cash match will be covered by funds already budgeted in FY 15/16 or to be budgeted for FY 16/17, per the requirements of the Department of Homeland Security. The performance period of this grant is twelve months from the date of the award. The estimated period start date is March 31, 2016.