

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



FROM : FIRE DEPARTMENT

SUBMITTAL DATE:

October 7, 2016

SUBJECT: Authorization to Apply for Department of Homeland Security FY 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program; [All District] [up to \$3.45 million available] 85% Federal Funds, 15% Local Match

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors authorizes Riverside County Fire Department to apply for the FY 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Policy

John Hawkins

John Hawkins, Chief Cal Fire Riverside County 10/7/2016

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The program provides direct financial assistance to fire departments for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
NET COUNTY COST	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 85% Federal Funds and 15% Local Match			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	17/18

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

Minutes of the Board of Supervisors

On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Washington 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: October 25, 2016
 xc: Fire

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By: *[Signature]*
 Deputy

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Summary (continued)

As specified in the Department of Homeland Security Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, the AFG Program supports the basic mission to Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience. The "Core Capabilities" of the National Preparedness Goal are addressed through Fire Management and Suppression, Operational Coordination and Communications, and Community Resilience.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for the implementation and administration of the AFG Program. The AFG Program is in its 16th year and has distributed \$6.9 billion in grant funding to fire departments and emergency medical services agencies to assist procuring equipment, vehicles, training, and fulfilling other needs. Examples of eligible high priority grant items include:

- Training evaluated using national or state standards
- Personal protective equipment
- Equipment needed for effective response, firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical operations to enhance the public safety
- Certain modifications to facilities, and
- New vehicles

The Department of Homeland Security Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) appropriates \$345 million in grant funds for the FY 2016 AFG program and anticipates 2,500 awards to be granted. The maximum grant award amount is determined by the population served by a jurisdiction and is capped at one (1) percent of total available grant funds, with a maximum award of up to \$3.45 million per jurisdiction. The maximum cost sharing portion for jurisdictions serving more than 1,000,000 residents is fifteen (15) percent of non-federal funds to be allocated to the AFG awarded project.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-30, the department is requesting authorization to apply for a grant in the amount not to exceed \$3.45 million with the maximum 15% local match of \$517,500 allocated from the department's operating budget. The NOFO further stipulates the application deadline is November 18, 2016 and the projected period of performance for awarded grants is from March 3, 2017 to March 3, 2018.

The Fire Department's grant request will include funding for our Electronic Patient Care Reports (EPCR) program. This program comprises of the purchase of ruggedized tablets with a corresponding data charge for several medic apparatus. The EPCR program will enhance our dedication to protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire related hazards in the unincorporated area.

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

Impact on Residents 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 program requires a 15% cost share match, which will be covered by funds previously budgeted for the department's operating activities. The Board's action today does not designate an amount for the matching funds. The department will be returning to the Board of Supervisors to receive the grant and will designate the exact match amount at that time.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

On July 6, 2015, the department was awarded \$193,360 in AFG funding to purchase four (4) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus fill stations. The Board of Supervisors action on August 18, 2015 (3-33) authorized the acceptance of the grant and the terms of the grant were satisfied.