

Agenda Report

February 2, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS TOTALLING \$689,217 AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) FROM ALL STAR FIRE EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$765,797

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, (b) (3), the general rule;
2. Recognize and appropriate \$689,217 in the fiscal year 2015 Fire Department operating budget;
3. A) Accept the bid dated December 9, 2014, submitted by All Star Fire Equipment in response to specifications for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment; B) Reject all other bids; C) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract for an amount not to exceed \$765,797; and
4. Approve the trade-in of existing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), between 9 and 15 years old, pursuant to Municipal Code 4.04.010, Disposition of Salvage and Scrap Property, for which the Pasadena Fire Department will receive fair-market-value of \$65,595, as a credit applied to the gross purchase per submitted bid.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides funding nationwide to fire departments under the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program. The primary goal of the AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of

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fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective equipment, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

The Pasadena Fire Department was fortunate to have been awarded an AFG grant in 2011 which provided Fireground Survival Training to all personnel. The program has had great success in providing firefighters a better understanding of fireground hazards and how to avoid them. The fire department has recently been awarded a 2013 AFG grant to replace existing Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus with new units that meet the most current standard for respiratory protection.

The proposed SCBA project would optimize firefighter protection for emergency responses, including structural fires, search and rescue operations, and initial hazardous or Chemical/Biological incidents. This is the type of effective protective gear they must have while at the scene of a fire, rescue or accident. It would also enhance support capabilities for mutual-aid, as the Fire Department would be able to provide firefighters that are properly equipped and protected to assist. The Pasadena Fire Department provides mutual aid over 1,000 times per year.

The Pasadena Fire Department currently operates three different variations of SCBA, some of which are not equipped with necessary connections in the event a firefighter depletes their air supply or has a malfunction. The upgrade of SCBA will reduce potential risk to firefighters and extend the amount of time firefighters will be able to operate in an Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) environment. The advantage of the 2013 edition SCBA is that they provide 45 minutes of breathing air and are the same size as the old 30 minute cylinders. By the same token, the new Rapid Intervention SCBA kits for downed firefighters contain 75 minute cylinders in the same space of the 60 minute cylinder to provide a longer amount of time to extricate trapped firefighters and work in dangerous environments.

The Fire Department prepared Plans and Specifications for the subject project, in accordance with Section 4.08.070 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, bids were requested and received. The project was advertised in the Pasadena Journal and multiple trade websites on November 27, 2014. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held at Fire Station 33 with members of the Fire Department, Finance Department, and two prospective bidders. Bid packets were obtained by two suppliers, and two bids were submitted on December 9, 2014, and are as follows:

Bidder	Amount
1. All Star Fire Equipment	\$760,633.67
2. Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.	\$902,512.99

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All Star Fire Equipment is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The proposed purchase order contract with All Star Fire Equipment fully complies with the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing ordinance. The Pasadena Fire department has used this trusted vendor in the past and has current contracts for maintenance of SCBA.

The proposed equipment meets the most current standards of NFPA 1407, Standard for Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews, NFPA 1500 the Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program, NFPA 1710 the Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments, NFPA 1981-2013 edition of the Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire and Emergency Services, and OSHA 29 CFR 1910 (Breathing Air Protection for Employees, RIT). These standards are all optional and all existing SCBA equipment meet standards in place at the time of purchase.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action supports the City Council's strategic goal to ensure public safety.

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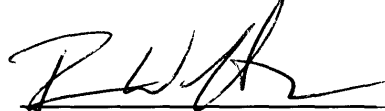
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The total gross grant package is \$765,797. After Pasadena's Fire Departments required 10% match of \$76,580, \$689,217 will be received, by FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant. The sub total of the SCBA purchase is \$826,229. The vendor will credit this price by \$65,595 for the trade-in of existing SCBA equipment (recommendation #4 above) bringing the sub total to \$760,634. FEMA requires 100% of the awarded grant funding to be spent by the closeout. The \$5,163 in additional funds will be used to purchase voice amplifiers for the SCBA equipment bringing the total purchase order to \$765,797. Matching funds will be expended from existing, appropriated funds in the FY 2015 operating budget: 101-363020-8109. No incremental funds will be requested for maintenance.

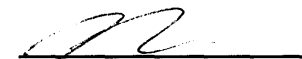
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Respectfully submitted,



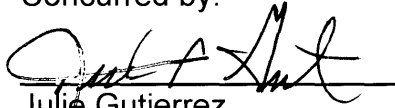
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