

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Sign the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Agreement

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Sign the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Agreement.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 3.1 Public Safety: Support high quality public safety programs, emergency preparedness, facilities, and leadership.

BACKGROUND: In September 2024, the City of Bozeman Fire Department received a SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA for twelve new firefighters. Following the acceptance of the SAFER grant agreement, we applied for an Assistance to Firefighters grant in December 2024 for necessary equipment and gear to enhance the safety of the firefighters and therefore the public with respect to fire and fire-related hazards.

With this Assistance to Firefighters grant, the period of performance is twenty-four months and the Fire Department will purchase necessary PPE. This grant and activity supports the City's strategic plan 3.1 Public Safety goal by equipping and preparing our Fire Department for emergency situations.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As identified by the City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: Total expenditures are expected to be \$149,860.00 (\$136,236.36 in federal funding and \$13,623.64 in City General Fund cost share). Expenditures will be made in the General Fund Fire Department Division and may require a future budget amendment.

Attachments:

[AFG Award.pdf](#)

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