

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 09/01/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.V. FIN - "High-Priority – Commercial Motor Vehicle Grant Program" Application to the United States Department of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
DATE PREPARED: 08/27/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
STAFF LIAISON: Rob Roach, Grant Program Manager, rroach@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6165	
DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council) Council to take action to ratify and approve the submission of a \$779,832 grant application under the "High-Priority – Commercial Motor Vehicle Grant Program" to the United States Department of Transportation – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, with a grant request in the amount of \$779,832, and no required match from the City of Buckeye; and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of said grant application.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:

A Safe and Sustainable Quality of Life

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Overweight commercial motor vehicles present increased risks to roadway infrastructure, reduced braking effectiveness, increased risk of tire failure, and increased likelihood of catastrophic collisions. Effective overweight enforcement requires specialized training, equipment, and inter-agency coordination. Buckeye is the only agency in the West Valley Phoenix Metroplex that enforces weight violations on commercial vehicles. The Buckeye Police Department seeks funding to enhance its Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement within Buckeye through the funding and utilization of two new full-time sworn police officers, two new fully outfitted police vehicles, two sets of state-of-the-art portable commercial vehicle scales, a scale calibration kit, and training for four officers. If awarded, the grant covers a 24-month period.

This initiative will enable the City of Buckeye Police Department to deploy two full-time sworn police officers who will solely conduct commercial vehicle enforcement activities.

BENEFITS:

If awarded, the requested funding will ensure the safety of all roadway users and protect Buckeye's roadways and bridges from damage caused by overweight vehicles. Commercial vehicle weight enforcement ensures safety for all roadway users and protects Buckeye's roadways and bridges from damage caused by overweight vehicles. Additionally, it is believed that increased law enforcement presence and equipment will discourage vehicle operators from violating the vehicle weight limits established for public safety. The overall objective of this grant request is to reduce crashes, fatalities,

injuries, and damage involving commercial motor vehicles.

FUTURE ACTION:

If awarded, the Grant Award agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the same. If awarded and after all grant funds have been expended and after the 24-month grant period of performance has expired, the City of Buckeye will have the option to retain and fund one or both of the positions out of other city funds, eliminate the positions, or seek other grant funding opportunities to support one or both of the positions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The “High-Priority – Commercial Motor Vehicle Grant Program” portion is \$779,832 over a 24-month period. There is no required match for this grant. If awarded, the Grant Award agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority as necessary, as well as the authority to accept and execute the same.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

If awarded in fiscal year 2027, the anticipated cost is approximately \$465,000. This includes salary for six months and the purchase of the equipment. The full amount is reimbursable through the grant.

BUDGETED:

No

FISCAL YEAR:

2027 and 2028

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Buckeye Police Department

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[CAR Recap Summary - CMV App.docx](#)

[Buckeye CMV Enforce Narrative.pdf](#)

[Buckeye Budget CMV Narrative.docx](#)