

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

MEETING DATE: 03/03/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.D. FIN - Phoenix Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Application through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security
DATE PREPARED: 02/26/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
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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 \$1,500,000 Phoenix Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) application through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for the purchase of a new Hazardous Materials (HazMat) truck to replace a 2009 vehicle.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:
Innovative and High Performing Organizations

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The BFMRD has an urgent need for a new HazMat truck to replace the 16-year-old failing truck that has outlived its useful life. Through a UASI 2012 grant, a 2009 bread truck was converted into a HazMat vehicle. The existing truck is proving to be unreliable as its aging parts are experiencing wear and tear. In 2024, Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department provided mutual aid in 1,188 incidents and 112 calls for service within Buckeye and its neighboring jurisdictions. These calls are anticipated to increase due to the rapid growth within Buckeye and its neighboring cities.

Calls for service include emergency responses to potential terrorist and/or mass catastrophic events within the Phoenix area that hosts many high-profile events (e.g., the Superbowl, etc.). Buckeye is also the closest response team to Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, one of the nation's largest power producers. Palo Verde is located along the I-10 and State Route 85 arteries, which carry freightliners transporting a wide variety of hazardous goods. It is vital that the BFMRD maintain a state-of-the-art HazMat truck. The current technology is outdated, and the space is too small for the four HazMat technicians whose air conditioning does not operate properly in a climate that frequently reaches in excess of 115 degrees. Within the City of Buckeye, BFMRD has responded to hazardous materials situations at Buckeye Union High School, as well as various warehouses and manufacturing facilities.

BENEFITS:

The HazMat truck is vital in addressing incidents at warehouses, manufacturing companies, and locations where chemical spills or hazardous materials releases may occur. Acquiring a new HazMat truck is imperative to uphold the Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department commitment to providing excellent service and ensuring the safety and protection of the community and neighboring jurisdictions against events of mass catastrophic and terrorist events.

FUTURE ACTION:

If awarded, the Award Agreement will be presented to City Council for acceptance and approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The grant portion is \$1,500,000, and there is no required match for this grant.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

\$1,500,000

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2026, and possibly 2027 depending upon the award notification, if awarded.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

[FY2025 BFMRD_2026 Phoenix Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Application for HazMat Truck.pdf](#)
[CAR Recap Summary UASI - HazMat Truck - App FY26 2-17-2026.docx](#)