

CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/16/25	AGENDA ITEM: 4.O. FIN - Federal Emergency Management Agency - Fiscal Year 2024 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Application
DATE PREPARED: 09/11/25	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 the Fiscal Year 2024 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant application for the acquisition and installation of 300 locking fire department connection caps and 60 locking standpipe caps in the total amount of \$187,911.60, constituting \$178,963.42 from FEMA/FP&S and a City of Buckeye matching requirement of \$8,948.18 over a one-year period from the date of a fully executed grant agreement; and authorize the Mayor, the City Manager, the City Attorney, and the City Clerk to take the steps necessary to submit the FEMA/FP&S Grant application on behalf of the City of Buckeye.

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department seeks proactive fire safety measures within Buckeye through a grant application, which requests funding to support the acquisition and installation of 300 locking fire department connection caps and 60 locking standpipe caps, which will accommodate approximately 150 buildings in Buckeye. Fire department connections and standpipes afford fire personnel a water flow access point to assist with the suppression of a structural fire. Current standpipe and fire department connection covers do not lock and are typically made of plastic or thin metal, making them vulnerable to weather or vandalism. The locking caps utilize a mechanism common to fire departments that requires a specific wrench to unlock. Unprotected standpipes result in foreign objects and debris being placed into the standpipe and blocking water flow. Clogged standpipes and fire department connections require time and effort to clear, causing a delay in fire suppression and potential loss of life and property. The locking caps ensure an easy-to-use, risk-reducing, common operating platform.

BENEFITS:

The installation of the proposed locking caps will mitigate the issue of fire department connection and standpipe security and cover removal. Locking caps may eliminate foreign debris in the standpipe that clogs the system. Locking caps discourage thieves who steal non-locking caps for their scrap metal value. The locking caps support the Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department's goal of strengthening community preparedness and resilience.

FUTURE ACTION:

If awarded, the award agreement will be presented to Council for approval. After the grant funding has been exhausted, any additional locking fire department connection cap and locking standpipe cap needs and/or maintenance will be funded by the Fire Department's General Fund account. If available, the Grants Team will pursue other potential grant funding opportunities to fund additional locking caps. Regarding new builds or future existing building needs, property owners will be required to purchase these locking caps.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The grant request amount is \$178,963.42 with a City of Buckeye matching requirement of \$8,948.18. The total project cost is \$187,911.60 over a one-year period.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

If awarded, \$187,911.60 is expected to be expended in Fiscal Year 2026 with a \$178,963.42 reimbursable based on the grant budget.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2026

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Grant Organization Account/35742140

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

ATTACHMENTS:

[CAR Recap FP&S Application.docx](#)

[FEMAGO FP&S App Submitted 7.2.25.pdf](#)