

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

MEETING DATE: 09/01/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.S. FIN - "FY25 Assistance to Firefighters Grant" Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency
DATE PREPARED: 08/27/26	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 ratify and approve the submission of a \$662,200 grant application under the "FY25 Assistance to Firefighters Grant" opportunity to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with a grant request in the amount of \$602,000 and a required match of \$60,200 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:

The Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department seeks to address the imminent staffing cliff with approximately 30 current Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department firefighters eligible for retirement, as well as to assure staffing readiness for Station 9 coming in July 2027.

If awarded, the project will cover paramedic backfill and overtime costs for 10 firefighters to attend paramedic school, training and design of in-house continuing education modules, and monthly electronic patient care chart reviews over a 12 month period. The Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department's goal is to prepare for future growth and potential staffing challenges, while ensuring that there is no disruption in service for this critical community need. If awarded, the funding will ensure that the Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department's deployment model remains reliable during major station expansions.

BENEFITS:

If awarded, the paramedic training will ensure that the Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department's deployment model remains reliable during an anticipated retirement cliff and during major station expansions, thereby mitigating a potential shortage of paramedics due to retirements and new positions required. This strategic investment in public safety positions benefits the City of Buckeye by helping to safeguard its residents and visitors.

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 said agreement. After all grant funds have been expended and after the

12-month grant period of performance has expired, any other training needs will be funded out of the Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department's operating budget, unless other funding opportunities arise, in which the City of Buckeye's Grants Team will pursue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The "FY25 Assistance to Firefighters Grant" portion is \$602,000. There is a \$60,200 required match for this grant, which is included in the Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department's operating budget. The total cost of the project is \$662,200.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

The FY2027 cost depends on when the grant is awarded. Maximum cost would be \$662,200, of which \$602,000 will be reimbursable by the grant.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2027 and 2028

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department

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

ATTACHMENTS:

[App Submitted 6.22.26.pdf](#)

[CAR Recap Summary - Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\) FY25 App.docx](#)