

Agenda Item: 2.k

Meeting Date: March 3, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Date: 2020-02-24

From: Jeffrey Parks, Fire Chief

Subject: FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to Purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department

Presenter(s): Jeffrey Parks, Fire Chief

Recommend: Staff recommends authorization for to apply for a Homeland Security/ FEMA grant for replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department.

Epic Goal(s): Enhance community and employee relationship strategies that strengthen inclusiveness, respect, transparency and collaborative engagement.

Boards & Committees: N/A

Budget Impact: The estimated cost for the equipment is \$360,000. The grant will require a 10% match (\$36,000). The Dunedin Fire District funding will also pay approximately 12% of the cost of the match.

Past Action: The SCBA's were last purchased in 2008 (31 packs) and in 2010 (2 packs).

Next Action: Approve authorization for staff to apply for 10% matching grant to purchase new SCBA Air Packs.

Attachments:

Background: The FY21 CIP identifies replacement of the firefighter's SCBA Air Packs that were purchased in 2008. These packs are nearing the end of their useful life.

Repair costs, NFPA standards updates and technology improvements are all issues that support this replacement. The FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grants application process is now open and will close on March 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM ET. The anticipated award period will start April 30, 2020 and there will be a one year period to complete the grant if awarded. Purchasing will not take place prior to October, 1, 2020 when the FY21 budget starts. If the City is successful in obtaining this grant it will save the FY21 City budget approximately \$324,000.