



# CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item F**  
**May 17, 2010**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to apply for Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a turnout gear washer and dryer extractor.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** 

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has posted the FY 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazard. Across the United States, the AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$390 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the county. AFG goal is to enhance response capabilities and provide for the protection of the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations to obtain training, conduct fire responder health and safety programs and buy equipment and response vehicles. Funds appropriated for the FY 2010 AGF are available for obligation and award until September 30, 2011.

Current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommendations require the cleaning of turnout gear every six months. This suggestion is based on the personal health gains of removing carcinogens, toxins and combustion byproducts that reside on contaminated turnout gear and resist normal cleaning procedures. A turnout gear extractor would mechanically decontaminate fire fighter apparel and decrease the chance of long-term exposure to residual toxic products of combustion.

The estimated cost of a washer/dryer extractor is \$22,000. If approved the equipment would be installed at Fire Station #2. This would include the additional costs for plumbing and electrical requirements at Fire Station #2. The purchase would ease the burden of having only one fire station with this equipment. Currently, all 103 sets of turnout gear are cleaned annually or after a fire, at Fire Station #4. A cost savings of time, expense of transporting and taking equipment out of service would be realized. A Capital Outlay Request for this equipment was submitted in both the 2009-10 and 2010-11 Budgets but was not funded. The grant would require matching funds of twenty percent (20%) or \$4,400. Applications will be accepted through May 28, 2010.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to apply for Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a turnout gear washer and dryer extractor.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gaff				
Council Member Crawford				
Council Member Fischer				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				

## MEMORANDUM



**TO:** DAVID E. MOLLOY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
**FROM:** JEFF JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF EMS/FIRE OPERATIONS *JJ*  
**SUBJECT:** ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT SUBMISSION  
**DATE:** APRIL 30, 2010

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It is my recommendation that we submit an AFG application for the purchase of a washer/dryer extractor for the cleaning of turnout gear. Current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommendations require the cleaning of turnout gear every six months. This suggestion is based on the personal health gains of removing carcinogens, toxins and combustion byproducts that reside on contaminated turnout gear and resist normal cleaning procedures. A turnout gear extractor would mechanically decontaminate fire fighter apparel and decrease the chance of long-term exposure to residual toxic products of combustion.

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