



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item 1
July 2, 2012

SUBJECT: Approval to apply for three (3) projects identified as priorities in the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) with a total potential match of \$22,340 by the City of Novi.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Fire

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has posted the FY 2012 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. The AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$285 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the county. AFG's 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.

Applications will be accepted through July 6, 2012. AFG will evaluate and act on applications within 90 days following close of the application period. It is projected that all awards will be made on or before September 30, 2012, but no later than March 31, 2013. The period of performance is twelve (12) months from the award date. The grant would require matching funds of twenty percent (20%).

AFG has identified the following funding priorities:

- A. Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety
 - Firefighter Training
 - Firefighter Equipment
 - Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment
 - Firefighter Wellness and Fitness
 - Modifications to Fire Stations
- B. Firefighter Vehicles
- C. Nonaffiliated EMS Organizations
- D. Regional Projects

Applicants may apply for as many of the funding priorities within the program as deemed necessary but will have to provide justification for each individual project.

The Novi Fire Department is seeking approval to submit the following three (3) projects:

First Responder SUV: This new SUV apparatus will replace the current 2000 McCoy-Miller Ambulance (Vehicle #321). The vehicle is scheduled for replacement in the Vehicle Replacement Program in 2013/14. The SUV will be equipped with fire and emergency medical equipment. **Anticipated cost: \$60,000. Novi's grant match (20%) would be \$12,000.**



Firefighter Equipment: Replacement of two (2) Thermal Imaging Cameras and upgrade of two (2) Thermal Imaging Cameras. Thermal Imaging Cameras are used by firefighters to detect areas of heat through thick smoke conditions like hidden fires and fire victims. Two of the existing cameras are 14 years old; they have exceeded their serviceable life and have had to have extensive repairs. Two other cameras will be upgraded with current technology that will extend their service life. **Anticipated cost: \$22,000. Novi's grant match (20%) would be \$4,400.**

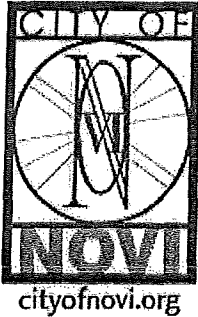
Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment: Structural firefighter rubber boots would be upgraded and replaced with modern leather boots. Some of the department boots have reached their useful life cycle. The new leather boots offer better fit and stability without compromising protection. The grant will allow us to purchase all the firefighters new boots at one time. **Anticipated cost: \$29,700. Novi's grant match (20%) would be \$5,940.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to apply for three (3) projects identified as priorities in the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) with a total potential match of \$22,340 by the City of Novi.

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Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Casey				
Council Member Fischer				

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Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Wrobel				

MEMORANDUM



TO: DAVID E. MOLLOY
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY / CHIEF OF POLICE

FROM: JEFFERY JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF EMS / FIRE OPERATIONS *JJJ*

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT 2012

DATE: JUNE 13, 2012

6/13/12
To: Mayor & City Council Members
FYI

The 2012 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) opened for submissions on June 11, 2012 and will close on July 6, 2012. The Novi Fire Department would like to ask council approval to apply for three (3) project areas that have been identified as priorities in the 2012 AFG. **The grant areas are as follows:**

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The application period ends on July 6, 2012. All applications will then be scored according to the priorities established for the AFG. Once the initial scoring is complete,

the applications that are within the competitive range will be sent to panels for evaluation. The panelists will score the applications according to the financial need and cost benefit criteria. Those applications that are recommended for award will then be sent to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for a final review. **Grant awards will begin in the fall and continue until all funds are awarded.**

Funds appropriated for the FY 2012 AFG are available for obligation on September 10, 2012 and will be awarded until March 31, 2013. **The period of performance is twelve (12) months from the award date.** The grant would require Novi to provide matching funds of twenty percent (20%) totaling **\$22,340.**

The grantee is not required to have the cost-share at the time of application, nor at the time of the award. However, before a grant is awarded, FEMA will contact potential awardees to determine whether the grantee has the funding in hand or if the grantee has a viable plan to obtain the funding necessary to fulfill the matching requirement. Should the Department receive an award notification; the awarded project will be brought back to Council for final acceptance and budget consideration.

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