



## CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item M  
January 22, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Approval to apply for a 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace the Novi Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment and accessories with a total potential 10% match of \$24,900 by the City of Novi.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety – Fire DEM

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** 

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has posted the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$310.5 million to fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country. 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 December 26, 2017 through February 2, 2018 and are awarded on a rolling basis. The period of performance is 12 months from the date of award. Grantees must accept the awards within 30 days of the award, and complete the project/activities within the one year period of performance. The Novi Fire Department is seeking approval to submit the following grant:

**Firefighter equipment:** The proposal includes the purchase of 34 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), 68 accompanying spare 45 minute air bottles, 94 face pieces, and one Rapid Intervention Bag. This purchase would replace all SCBA units that have reached their maximum service life of ten years. The new units will update the firefighters to the latest technology while bringing the department's SCBA's into compliance with the latest NFPA standard for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. **Anticipated project total cost is \$249,000 which includes a 10% grant match by the City of Novi of \$24,900.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to apply for a 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace the Novi Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment and accessories with a total potential 10% match of \$24,900 by the City of Novi.

## MEMORANDUM



**TO:** DAVID E. MOLLOY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
**FROM:** JEFFERY R. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF EMS/FIRE OPERATIONS *grj*  
**SUBJECT:** 2017 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT REQUEST  
**DATE:** JANUARY 16, 2018

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In the grant guidance and workshop for the 2017 AFG, it lists Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and specifically Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for each riding position as one of its highest priorities for grant consideration. Further, in order for PPE/SCBA's to be considered "obsolete", it must be a minimum of two National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) cycles and 10 years of age or older. Currently, the Novi Fire Department (NFD) has the need to replace 34 SCBA seated apparatus positions among our first response vehicles have reached their maximum service life and considered "obsolete" according to the AFG. Additionally, the NFD currently has 94 active firefighters that will need a new mask.

The Public Safety Administration believes that requesting the replacement SCBA's has the highest potential for our department to receive a positive award. We will seek Council's approval at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to apply for the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace the fire department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment and accessories with a total anticipated project cost of \$249,000 and match of \$24,900 by the City of Novi and the federal share of \$224,100.