



STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 3-19-24

AGENDA ITEM #: 24-20
COUNCIL MTG OF: March 05, 2024
FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Shawn Haggart, Fire Chief
PREPARED BY: Joshua Ledbetter, Lieutenant/Quartermaster
SUBJECT: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Request – EMS Jackets

PURPOSE:

To seek a grant to replace personal protective equipment (EMS jackets) for Department personnel.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

The Fire Department is requesting permission to apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The amount of this grant request regarding EMS jackets is \$24,150 with a 10% cost share. The Town's cost share would be funded through the operating budget. If awarded, this grant funding would support the purchase of seventy 5.11 Responder Hi-Viz 2.0 Parka's and seventy 5.11 tactical fleece liners including embroidery.

BACKGROUND:

EMS jackets serve as personal protective equipment and are crucial in protecting our members while on both fire and EMS calls. The use of these jackets goes far beyond keeping our members warm and dry. The 5.11 parka are certified to ANSI/ISEA 107-2020 type R&P standard that meets U. S. Federal regulation applied to public safety high-visibility apparel in Federal Aid highway environments. The 5.11 parka is also blood borne resistive offering protection from blood borne illnesses like hepatitis, HIV, and microorganisms which members are frequently exposed to during both EMS and fire related calls.

DISCUSSION:

We currently have EMS jackets which were purchased approximately 10 years ago and have come to the end of their service life, as they are in extremely poor condition at this time. They were used as a level of personal protective equipment during the COVID Pandemic and unfortunately by doing so, the EMS jackets were exposed to a significantly abnormal level of decontamination due to the pandemic which had a substantial impact on the EMS jackets service life.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Soft (in-kind) matches are not allowed with AFG. The operating budget would be utilized to support this expenditure at the cost of \$2,415.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL:

Allow the Town Administrator, on behalf of the Fire Department, to apply for an AFG for the purchase of seventy 5.11 Responder Hi-Viz 2.0 Parka's and seventy 5.11 tactical fleece liners including embroidery.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Please see Resolution #2024-015, after the March 19, 2024 public hearing.



RESOLUTION

Number 2024-015

To Apply for and Accept Grant Funding to Acquire EMS Jackets
for the Fire Department

WHEREAS, the Section 9.15 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to apply for, accept and expend funds received from the State and Federal Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department seeks to replace EMS jackets to enhance safety for its personnel; and

WHEREAS, a grant opportunity may provide 90% of the funding for this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to sign Grant Applications and Agreements with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for up to \$24,150 in project funding to purchase replacement EMS jackets;

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: March 5, 2024

Attest:

X _____

Charles Foote, Council Chair

Date: _____

X _____

Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk

Date: _____