

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager
Through: Chief Ray Frair, Gautier Fire Department
Date: February 11, 2013
Subject: FY 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Acceptance

REQUEST:

The Gautier Fire Departments requests City Council approval to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the FY 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters regarding fire and fire-related hazards. The City of Gautier submitted an application in July 2012 for a total project cost of \$105,775.00 to upgrade the Fire Department's current analog communication system to a digital system that will be compatible with Jackson County's system. Grant funding is expected to provide three (3) base stations, ten (10) mobile radios, and fourteen (14) portable radios.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Gautier's grant application was approved by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security on February 8, 2013. The Federal share of the grant award is 95% of the \$105,775.00 project total (\$100,487.00) and the local cost share is 5% (\$5,288.00).

RECOMMENDATION:

Fire Department staff recommends that City Council accept the grant award for the FY 2012 AFG Program for the amount specified above with a 5% local match.

The City Council may:

1. Approve acceptance of the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program as outlined above; or
2. Reject grant funding for the FY 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program as outlined above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

FEMA Award Letter (February 8, 2013)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472



FEMA

Mrs. Patty Huffman
City of Gautier Mississippi
3330 Highway 90
GAUTIER, Mississippi 39553-5124

Re: Grant No.EMW-2012-FO-02393

Dear Mrs. Huffman:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), I am pleased to inform you that your grant application submitted under the FY 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been approved. FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), carries out the Federal responsibilities of administering your grant. The approved project costs total to \$105,775.00. The Federal share is 95 percent or \$100,487.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is 5 percent or \$5,288.00.

As part of your award package, you will find Grant Agreement Articles. Please make sure you read and understand the Articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your grant award. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file. **You establish acceptance of the grant and Grant Agreement Articles when you formally receive the award through the AFG online system.** By accepting the grant, you agree not to deviate from the approved scope of work without prior written approval from FEMA.

If your SF 1199A has been reviewed and approved, you will be able to request payments online. Remember, you should request funds when you have an immediate cash need.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the awards process or how to request your grant funds, please call the helpdesk at 1-866-274-0960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy W. Manning".

Timothy W. Manning
Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness and Protection