

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager
Through: Chief Robert Jones, Gautier Fire Department
Date: November 21, 2013
Subject: FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application Submission

REQUEST:

The Gautier Fire Departments requests City Council authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security- Federal Emergency Management Agency for FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the ability of first responders to protect the health and safety of the public from fire and related hazards. The three eligible categories for grant funding are: Operations and Safety, Vehicle Acquisition, and Regional Programs.

DISCUSSION:

The Gautier Fire Department proposes to apply for funding under the Operations and Safety category for various equipment needs including (4) thermal imagers w/truck chargers, (10) traffic signal control units for vehicles and (10) units to be located at intersections, (4) multi-gas monitors with accessories, (4) commercial treadmills, and (1) all-terrain vehicle, trailer and skid unit. In addition to equipment, the Fire Department will request funding for annual physicals for all firefighters (a requirement for all exercise equipment requests). The estimated total cost for this application is \$165,000.00. Based on our city's population size, this grant requires a 5% local match (up to \$8,250.00). If the grant is awarded, the Fire Department will stagger the purchases so that the local match will not be required until FY2014-2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Fire Department recommends that City Council authorize the submission of an application for FY 2013 AFG Grant funding as outlined above prior to the December 6, 2013 deadline.

The City Council may:

1. approve submission of an application for FY 2013 AFG funding as described above; or
2. approve submission of an application for FY 2013 AFG funding with changes; or
3. disapprove submission of an application for FY 2013 AFG funding.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A