

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager
Through: Chief Robert Jones, Gautier Fire Department
Date: July 8, 2014
Subject: FY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Acceptance

REQUEST:

The Gautier Fire Departments requests City Council authorization to accept funding from 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. Wellness and Fitness activities are intended to strengthen First Responders so their mental, physical, and emotional capabilities are resilient to withstand the demands of emergency services response.

DISCUSSION:

The Gautier Fire Department has been awarded \$49,875.00 in federal funding in the wellness and fitness category to provide annual medical and fitness evaluations that meet the NFPA 1582 Standard. The City's share of the costs is \$2,625.00 (5% of the total \$52,500.00 project). These exams will be budgeted and scheduled to begin after October 1st. The project must be concluded by May 22, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Fire Department recommends that City Council authorize acceptance of the grant funding as outlined above.

The City Council may:

1. approve acceptance of the FY 2013 AFG funding and required match as described above; or
2. disapprove acceptance of the AFG funding.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Grant Award Letter from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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



FEMA

Mrs. Patty Huffman
Gautier Fire Department
3330 Highway 90
GAUTIER, Mississippi 39553-5124

Re: Grant No.EMW-2013-FO-05516

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 2013 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 \$52,500.00. The Federal share is 95 percent or \$49,875.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is 5 percent or \$2,625.00.

Before you request and receive any of the Federal Grant funds awarded to you, you must establish acceptance of the Grant and Grant Agreement Articles through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Programs' (AFG) e-grant system. Please make sure you read and understand the articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your grant award. By accepting the grant, you agree not to deviate from the approved scope of work without prior written approval, via amendment request, from FEMA. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file.

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 process to request your grant funds, please call 1-866-274-0960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Kamoie".

Brian E. Kamoie
Assistant Administrator
Grant Programs Directorate