

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager
Through: Chief Robert Jones, Gautier Fire Department
Date: November 19, 2014
Subject: FY 2014 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 (FEMA) for FY 2014 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 under this program 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 thirty-three (33) sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) and six (6) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs). Most of the department's Personal Protective Equipment was purchased with 2004 AFG funding and is now ten years old and considered obsolete by FEMA's standards. Additional SCBAs are needed for the new fire station. The total cost for this grant request is estimated at \$115,000.00. Based on Gautier's population of fewer than 20,000 residents, this grant will require a 5% local match (up to \$5,750.00). Since the period of performance is 12 months from date of award, the match amount can be budgeted in next fiscal year if necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Fire Department recommends that City Council authorize the submission of an application for FY 2014 AFG Grant funding as outlined above prior to the December 5, 2014 deadline.

The City Council may:

1. approve submission of an application for FY 2014 AFG funding as described above;
2. approve submission of an application for FY 2014 AFG funding with changes; or
3. disapprove submission of an application for FY 2014 AFG funding.

ATTACHMENT(S):

N/A