

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: September 20, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council;
From: Fire Department
Presentation By: Jesse Alexander, Fire Chief

Summary

Subject: Acceptance of 2021 Assistance to Firefighter Grant

Recommendation: A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to accept the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$35,360.60

B. Authorize the Finance Director to make a supplemental budget appropriation for grant revenues to 100-43120 and grant expenditures to 2327-63404 in the amount of \$35,360.60, and transfer the 10% match from unallocated general funds

Fiscal Impact: \$35,360.60 total. \$32,146 in Federal funding, with the City providing a required 10% local match of \$3,214.60 coming from unallocated general funds.

Purpose:

Protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards by purchasing new structure firefighting nozzles for fire apparatus.

Council's Strategic Goal:

This purchase addresses the City Council's Public Safety Strategic Goal, by replacing old firefighter nozzles, in an effort to provide firefighter safety and increase operational effectiveness.

Background:

The Federal Department of Homeland Security has conducted its annual Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program since 2001. This program aims to enhance fire departments' abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Under the current program, Federal funds cover 90% of project-related costs, with the individual agency required to provide a 10% local match.

The Yuba City Fire Department applied under the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant cycle and was awarded \$35,360.60 to purchase sixty-four nozzles of various sizes and thirteen shut-off valves.

Analysis:

The Yuba City Fire Department responds to various types of fires, including but not limited to residential, commercial, vehicle, flammable liquids/gases, and vegetation fires. To mitigate the hazards, fire apparatus pump water through hose lines to various nozzles, which vary depending on the complexity, size, or type of fire. A firefighter's nozzle is a primary tool for extinguishing fires. Therefore, these firefighter nozzles must be adequately working to protect firefighters engaged in interior firefighting under Immedialty Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) conditions.

The Fire Department requested funding from the Assistant to Firefighters Grant to purchase new nozzles to help us alleviate operational and maintenance problems we are currently experiencing with our nozzles. Despite our maintenance efforts, we are concerned that a nozzle failure at a fire scene will jeopardize the safety of our personnel or residents on-site, negatively impacting our suppression efforts and, unavoidably, increasing our liability exposure. In addition, these nozzles will allow us to standardize nozzles and training across all of our first-out apparatus. This will provide consistency with firefighter nozzle techniques and allow the correct nozzle for the right type of incident.

Fiscal Impact:

\$35,360.60 total. \$32,146 in Federal funding, with the City providing a required 10% local match of \$3,214.60 coming from unallocated general funds. All grant-related purchases will comply with the City's bidding and purchasing policy requirements.

Alternatives:

Do not adopt the Resolution accepting the award.

Recommendation:

A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to accept the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$35,360.60

B. Authorize the Finance Director to make a supplemental budget appropriation for grant revenues to 100-43120 and grant expenditures to 2327-63404 in the amount of \$35,360.60 and transfer the 10% match from unallocated general funds.

Attachments:

1. 2021 AFG Nozzles Grant Resolution

Prepared By:

Jesse Alexander
Fire Chief

Submitted By:

Diana Langley
City Manager

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
AUTHORIZING RECEIPT, ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE, OF A GRANT FROM THE
2021 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF A
REVENUE ADJUSTMENT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Homeland Security has conducted its annual Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to enhance fire departments' abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, under the current program, Federal funds cover 90% of project related costs, with the individual agency required to provide a 10% local match; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba City Fire Department submitted an application under the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant cycle and has been awarded \$35,360.60 for the replacement of the Department's firefighting nozzles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to accept the grant, make the necessary budget adjustments to ensure the City's matching funds, and authorize the Fire Chief to execute any necessary contracts or documents to effectuate the award of the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Yuba City as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct, and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby accepts the award of the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$35,360.60. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute any contracts or other documents on behalf of Yuba City necessary to effectuate acceptance of the grant funds, subject to approval as to legal form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. The City Council approves a supplemental budget appropriation for grant revenues to 100-43120 and grant expenditures to 2327-63404 in the amount of \$35,360.60, and transfer the 10% match from unallocated general funds.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20st day of September 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dave Shaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ciara Wakefield, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
COUNSEL FOR YUBA CITY

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