



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: L. Keith Tomey, Fire Chief
THROUGH: Jennifer Alvarez, Interim City Manager
DATE: February 9, 2021

APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LIGHT & AIR TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$431,964.00.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval to apply for AFG funding opportunity number DHS-20-GPD-044-00-98 for the purchase of a light and air truck.

Background:

A light and air truck is a specialized apparatus used by firefighters to provide supplemental generator power, emergency scene lighting, and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) air cylinders at the scene of an emergency. During prolonged emergencies, particularly structure fires, where firefighters must remain on air (wearing their SCBA), these air cylinders will need to be replaced and refilled. This light and air unit can refill the depleted SCBA cylinders at the scene using an onboard breathing air compressor. Additionally, spare SCBA cylinders can be stored and carried on the apparatus. Currently, the department does not have a mobile air compressor for filling SCBA cylinders at emergency scenes.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

This is projected to be a 90/10 matching grant agreement of federally awarded funds from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. The financial impact to the City of Delray Beach is limited to 10% of the \$43,196.40.

Timing of Request:

Deadline for grant submission to FEMA is February 15, 2021.