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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 5/24/10
TO: HON. MARK D. BOUGHTON VIA THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DWS*
RE: RESOLUTION-FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT-FIRE DEPT

Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Fire Department to accept funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through its Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program.

This funding, if awarded, will be used to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) gear for the department. Replacement of department air-packs is vital to the continued safety of our firefighters.

The total grant request is for \$263,305. If awarded, funding from FEMA will not exceed \$211,000 with the required City share not to exceed \$53,000. The City share will be met through the capital budget. Funding awards will be announced in the 10/11 fiscal year and the grant period will overlap into the 11/12 fiscal year.

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting. Please contact me should you require any additional information.

DWS/sk

Cc: Chief Herald



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A.D. 2010

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

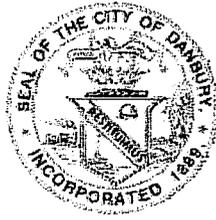
WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has made a funding opportunity available through its Assistance to Firefighters Grants program to the City of Danbury Fire Department; and

WHEREAS if awarded, this funding will be used by the City of Danbury Fire Department to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) gear (air-packs); and

WHEREAS the FEMA contribution will not exceed \$211,000 and the required City match will not exceed \$53,000 for a total grant request not to exceed \$264,000; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, funds in the capital budget will be available to be used towards the City match for this grant cycle to be administered over FY 10/11 and FY 11/12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury, or his designee Geoff Herald, Fire Chief of the City of Danbury, is authorized to apply for and accept this funding from FEMA and to do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.



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CITY OF DANBURY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

19 NEW STREET

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

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Fire Chief

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Date: May 20, 2010
TO: Mayor Mark D. Boughton via the City Council
From: Geoffrey R. Herald, Fire Chief
RE: FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council allow the Danbury Fire Department to accept funding through the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program through FEMA. The proceeds of this grant will be used to purchase new air-packs and associated equipment for the department.

The total grant request is \$263,305. The federal share of the grant will not exceed \$211,000 dollars and the city share will not exceed \$53,000 dollars. If awarded, this grant will be administered over the next two fiscal years, allowing us to utilize the capital budget to meet the city share.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geoffrey Herald".

Geoffrey R. Herald
Fire Chief

PART I.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) provide financial assistance directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations to enhance their capabilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The authority for AFG is derived from the *Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974* (15 U.S.C. §§ 2229 *et seq.*), as amended. Congress appropriated a total of \$390 million for the FY 2010 AFG (Public Law 110-329). Our primary goal is to help fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations meet their firefighting and emergency response needs. AFG seeks to support organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the life and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

The purpose of this package is to provide an overview of the AFG, the formal grant guidance, and the application materials needed to apply for funding under this program. Also included is an explanation of DHS requirements for implementation of a successful application. Our job at DHS is to provide clear guidance and application tools to assist applicants. Our customers are entitled to effective assistance during the application process and transparent, disciplined management controls to support grant awards. We intend to be good stewards of Federal resources and common-sense partners with our first responder colleagues.

A. Federal Strategy

The AFG Program is an important part of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen homeland security preparedness. Of particular significance are the National Preparedness Guidelines and their associated work products. The National Preparedness Guidelines are an all-hazards vision regarding the Nation's four core preparedness objectives: prevent, protect, respond and recover from both terrorist attacks and catastrophic natural disasters.

The National Preparedness Guidelines define a vision of what to accomplish and a set of tools to forge a unified national consensus about what to do and how to work together at all levels of government to effectively respond to all hazards. First responder participation is integral to the Guidelines' success. DHS expects its first responder partners to be familiar with these national preparedness guidelines and to consider these guidelines when assessing their needs and developing their grant requests.