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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 10/20/16

TO: HON. MARK D. BOUGHTON VIA THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

RE: RESOLUTION-FEMA- ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Fire Department to apply for and accept funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its FY 2016 Assistance to Firefighters' grant program.

If awarded, the Fire Department will use this funding to purchase equipment necessary to assist emergency personnel in continuing efforts to provide quality service to the citizens of Danbury.

This funding request will not exceed $200,000. FEMA's share of this request is 90%, or $180,000, with a City's share of $10%, or $20,000.

The departmental budget will be reviewed for availability of funds to be used towards the City match.

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting.

Attach.

DWS/sk

Cc: Chief Wiedl

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RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the 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 equipment to assist emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department intends to submit an application requesting an award not to exceed $200,000, with FEMA covering 90%, or $180,000, and the City's responsibility not to exceed 10%, or $20,000; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the City's portion will be funded through the Fire Department's operational budget at the time of the award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mark D. Boughton, Mayor of the City of Danbury, or Fire Chief T.J. Wiedl, 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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Fire Chief

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DATE: October 11, 2016

TO: David St. Hilaire, Finance Director

FROM: T. J. Wiedl, Fire Chief

RE: Grant application permission

CC: Sue Kaminski, Finance Dept.

David,

I would request the approval of the City Council to permit me to apply for a Federal "Assistance for Firefighters Grant" for the Danbury Fire Department. The purpose of the grant is to purchase equipment.

Our grant request will not exceed $200,000 and therefore, if awarded, the Federal share of the grant will not exceed $180,000 and the City share will not exceed $20,000.

If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Respectfully yours,

T.J. Wiedl

T. J. Wiedl
Fire Chief

Homeland Security

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FY 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG)

Overview

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is an important component of the larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the Nation's overall level of preparedness and ability to respond to fire and related hazards. Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2001, the AFG Program has provided approximately $6.7 billion in grants to first-responder organizations to obtain much needed emergency response equipment, personal protective equipment, firefighting and emergency vehicles, and training. The AFG program will award another $310.5 million to first-responder organizations that need support to improve their capability to respond to fires and emergencies of all types.

FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program will award approximately $310.5 million directly to fire departments, State Fire Training Academies and non-affiliated EMS organizations to enhance their response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

Purpose

The purpose of the AFG Program is to award grants directly to fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organizations, and state fire training academies to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public, as well as that of first-responder personnel. Using a competitive process that is overseen by fire service subject matter experts, grants are awarded to applicants whose requests best address the priorities of the AFG Program.

Funding

The AFG Program will award approximately $310.5 million in competitive grants to fire departments, non-affiliated EMS organizations, and state fire training academies. Funding for vehicles is limited to 25 percent of the total FY 2016 AFG Program appropriation. No less than 3.5 percent of appropriated funds must be awarded for EMS equipment and training grants for both fire-department-based and non-affiliated EMS organizations.

Eligibility

Fire Departments: Fire departments operating in any of the 56 states, which include any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,

the US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or, any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization, are eligible applicants. A Fire department is an agency or organization having a formally recognized arrangement with a state, territory, local, or tribal authority (city, county, parish, fire district, township, town, or other governing body) to provide fire suppression to a population within a geographically fixed primary first due response area.

Nonaffiliated EMS organizations: Nonaffiliated EMS organizations operating in any of the 56 states, which include any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or, any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization, are eligible applicants. A nonaffiliated EMS organization is an agency or organization that is a public or private nonprofit emergency medical services entity providing medical transport that is not affiliated with a hospital and does not serve a geographic area in which emergency medical services are adequately provided by a fire department.

FEMA considers the following as hospitals under the AFG Program:

- Clinics
- Medical centers
- Medical college or university
- Infirmary
- Surgery centers
- Any other institution, association, or foundation providing medical, surgical, or psychiatric care and/or treatment for the sick or injured.

State Fire Training Academies: A State Fire Training Academy (SFTA) operating in any of the 56 states, which includes any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is an eligible applicant. Applicants must be designated either by legislation or by a Governor's declaration as the sole state fire service training agency within a state. The designated SFTA shall be the only State agency/bureau/division, or entity within that State, to be an eligible AFG SFTA applicant.

Program Highlights

Under the FY 2016 AFG Program, eligible organizations may submit up to three applications under the followings categories:

Operations and Safety:

- Grant projects funded include professional training, wellness and fitness programs equipment, personal protective equipment, modifications to facilities, and supplies that support firefighting and non-affiliated EMS operations and safety.

Vehicle Acquisition: Fire Departments and non-affiliated EMS Organizations

- Eligible apparatus included, but are not limited to: pumpers, aerials, brush trucks, tankers/tenders, rescue vehicles, and ambulances.

Regional Grants:

- Regional projects in which multiple organizations (Fire and/or non-affiliated EMS) serving more than one local jurisdiction would benefit directly from the activities requested with grant funds.

State Fire Training Academies

- State fire training academies are eligible to apply for critically needed resources to protect the public, to train emergency personnel, and to foster interoperability and support community resilience.

Evaluation Criteria

AFG funding priorities differ for fire departments, non-affiliated EMS organizations, and state fire training academies. The funding priorities and evaluation criteria are developed from recommendations provided by a criteria development panel, composed of fire service professionals representing the major fire service organizations.

Based on the input received, the FY 2016 AFG priorities remain largely unchanged from FY 2015.

All submitted applications are ranked based on the substance of the application, relative to the established funding priorities.

Applications that score the highest and are determined to be in the "competitive range" will undergo further evaluation by a panel of peers, from the fire service and non-affiliated EMS organizations.

Applications that are considered for award will undergo an extensive technical review prior to an award offer.

On December 26, 2014, DHS adopted the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* at 2 C.F.R. Part 200 that establish a uniform set of mandatory requirements for federal awards to non-federal entities.

AFG Program Resources

For additional information on the FY 2016 AFG program, please visit our web site at: *http://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grant.*

You may also contact the AFG Program Help Desk by calling 1-866-274-0960 or via email at firegrants@dhs.gov.

Note: $345 million is the FY 2016 appropriation for the AFG initiative. From this appropriation, $34.5 million will be allocated to fund the FY 2016 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Program.