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Fire Department

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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sean P. Toomey, Deputy Fire Chief

DATE: April 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Report from the Deputy Fire Chief on a Grant Award from the New Hampshire Department of Safety for Critical Infrastructure Protection for the Fire Department's Headquarters Complex and Communications Center

Recommendation

Accept and appropriate the amount of forty-five thousand five hundred five dollars (\$45,505) of grant funding provided through the New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant Program. Said funding to be used for Security Surveillance and Building Access Equipment for the Fire Department's Headquarters Complex which includes the City Emergency Operations Center and Fire Communications Center.

Background

On October 13, 2015, the City received notification from the New Hampshire Department of Safety of the availability of grant funding to address critical infrastructure protection needs at the Fire Headquarters complex. The grant funding follows a site assessment that was conducted on April 23, 2014 that focused on the Communications Building, which houses the personnel and equipment providing emergency fire and emergency medical service dispatch services for the City of Concord and 120,000 residents of the Capital Area. The grant application was submitted on November 6, 2015.

The City of Concord was initially granted an award of \$25,000 for this project. After further review it was determined additional funding would be required to complete the project and the Fire Department worked with the Department of Safety to obtain additional funds. On April 19, 2017 the Fire Department was notified that the new grant award total would be \$45,505.

The Fire Department has identified building security needs for several years in its submission of program change requests. The grant funding would allow enhancements to the video surveillance system and access control on the campus.

Discussion

The New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant Program has approved the Department's grant application and has set aside grant funds in the amount of \$45,505 for the Department to purchase Security Surveillance and Building Access Equipment. There is no requirement for any matching city funds to be obligated for this purchase.

The Fire Department will advise the City Council of any changes to this project.