CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: **Sean P. Toomey, Deputy Fire Chief**

DATE: **July 21, 2015**

SUBJECT: **Report from the Deputy Fire Chief on a Grant Award from the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program- Sprinkler Project**

Recommendation

The Fire Department requests that the Council accept this report and accompanying resolution regarding the award of $189,864 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds administered by the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Automatic Sprinkler Systems in the City's four fire stations, and confirming the appropriation of those funds.

Background

On August 11, 2014, the City Council passed Resolution #8793 authorizing the City Manager or designee to apply for funds through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

On December 5, 2014, the Concord Fire Department applied for a grant in the amount of $189,864 (plus $18,986 in city match funds for a project total of $208,850) for the purpose of providing fire sprinkler protection to the Department's four station facilities. The total area of the four buildings is 32,814 square feet and the stations house almost 18% of the City's workforce and represent $16.5 million of assets in buildings, contents, and vehicles.

On July 3, 2015, the Concord Fire Department was notified that the City of Concord had been awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of $189,864.

On July 13, 2015, Council approved a Consent Report requesting the acceptance of said grant funds in order to comply with the 30-day acceptance deadline.

A separate report and resolution have been submitted to repurpose $17,275 in city match funds for the project and is set for Public Hearing at the August City Council meeting. The remaining $1,711 will be derived from approved FY16 operating accounts for facility repairs.

Discussion

The Fire Department will continue to advise the Council of any developments with respect to this grant.