



CITY OF CONCORD

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Guy T. Newbery, Interim Fire Chief

DATE: December 23, 2019

SUBJECT: A Report to accompany a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant (\$700,000), with a ten percent (\$70,000) City cash match to provide vehicle operations and safety training.

Recommendation

Accept this report and approve the resolution as stated above.

Background

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers a grant program called the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (AFG). The primary goal of the AFG is “to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations, and State Fire Training Academies. This funding is for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.” (AFG website)

Incidents involving vehicle operations are the second leading cause of firefighter deaths in the United States. This grant will allow the Fire Department to provide a training that meets the National Fire Protection Association and Federal Highway Administration standards.

Discussion

A ten percent cash match in the amount of \$70,000 will be required if the City is successful in receiving the grant. A program change request is being submitted for these funds in Fiscal Year 2021.

The Fire Department will continue to provide regular updates to the City Administration on the progress of this grant application.