

**CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT**

Date: October 6, 2009
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Fire Department
Presentation By: Marc Boomgaarden, Fire Chief

Summary

Subject: 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Safety Officer Training

Recommendation: Direct the City’s Chief Financial Officer to make the following budget transfers and supplemental appropriations:

- 1) Make a motion to accept the award of the 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$32,270;
- 2) Approve revenue adjustment to the Fire Department in the amount of \$25,816;
- 3) Approve supplemental budget appropriations to the Fire Department’s account 2324-63920 – Firefighter Training School in the amount of \$25,816;
- 4) Approve budget transfers of \$6,454 from Fire Department account 2310-63920 to account 2324-63920 – Firefighter Training School to cover the City’s required local grant match.

Fiscal Impact: Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, a local agency is required to provide a 20% match to the funds provided through the grant program. The work proposed in the Yuba City Fire Department’s grant application totals \$32,270, of which \$25,816 would be provided under the grant, with the City required local match of \$6,454 provided through Departmental budget transfers.

Background:

The Federal Department of Homeland Security has conducted its annual Assistance to Firefighters Grant program since 2001. The goal of this program is to enhance fire

department and non-affiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations' abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards, and to provide assistance to help those agencies meet firefighting and emergency response needs. The program also seeks to provide agencies with the tools and resources they need to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel from fire and other hazards and emergencies encountered. Under the program, Federal funds cover 80% of project related costs, with the agency required to provide a 20% local match.

The Yuba City Fire Department submitted an application for funding under the 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant cycle. Our application requested funds to allow the Department to provide certified Fire Safety Officer training to 35 Department personnel, including Fire Engineers, Fire Captains, Battalion Chiefs, Operations Chief and Fire Chief.

The Yuba City Fire Department estimates the total cost for conducting the Fire Safety Officer training to be \$32,270. The funding is broken down a \$25,270 to cover overtime and backfill costs, and \$7,000 for course related costs, including registration fees, instructor costs, and certification costs. Under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, the Federal share would be \$25,816 with the Yuba City local match being \$6,454. The Yuba City Fire Department received formal notification that it was awarded grant funding in the amount requested in our application.

Analysis:

The Yuba City Fire Department is requesting that the City Council accept the 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purpose of providing Fire Safety Officer training to 35 Department personnel.

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Alternatives:

Do not accept the grant award.

Recommendation:

Direct the City's Chief Financial Officer to make the following budget transfers and supplemental appropriations:

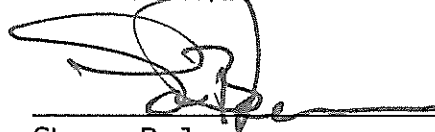
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