

CITY OF YUBA CITY  
STAFF REPORT

**Date:** October 1, 2019  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Fire Department  
**Presentation By:** William E. Fuller, Assistant Fire Chief - Administration

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**Summary**

**Subject:** 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Replacement of Mobile and Base Station Radios

**Recommendation:**

- A. Adopt a Resolution Accepting an award of the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$173,617
- B. Approve revenue adjustment to the Fire Department budget in the amount of \$157,833.63
- C. Authorize a budget transfer of \$15,783.37 from Account #4215-65602 General Fund Contingency Fund to Fire Department Account #2329-69201

**Fiscal Impact:** \$173,617 total with the City providing a required 10% local match, of \$15,783.37.

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**Purpose:**

Upgrade communication equipment used by Yuba City firefighters.

**Background:**

The Federal Department of Homeland Security has conducted its annual Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program since 2001. The goal of this program is to enhance fire departments' abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Under the current program, Federal funds cover 90% of project related costs, with the individual agency required to provide a 10% local match.

The Yuba City Fire Department submitted an application under the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant cycle and has been awarded \$173,617 for the replacement of all of the Department's mobile and base station radios.

**Analysis:**

The current mobile and base station radios are at the end of their useful, expected life. The newest of our mobile radios are over 13 years old. It has become increasingly difficult to repair the current radio technology due to their age and the fact that radio manufacturers and vendors no longer supply replacement parts. Our current radios are limited to the number of frequencies/channels they can handle, they are not P-25 compliant, and do not have the mission critical features that enhance firefighter safety. Yuba City Fire is experiencing a major deterioration in our aging radio equipment and an increase in malfunctions and downtime for repairs, which could affect the safety

of our personnel and the public. The award of AFG funding, in conjunction with local match money, will allow the Department to replace all of its obsolete, mission critical, non-P25 compliant mobile and base station radios at one time. These upgrades will provide for communications that are more reliable and that enhance firefighter safety.

The new radios will allow us to add all area tactical channels and State, regional and local radio frequencies, which our current radio technology will not accommodate. Interoperability and improved communications will allow us to meet required County communications SOPS to ensure the automatic aid agreements between Yuba City Fire and adjacent regional fire agencies operates well, and ensures ensure interoperability between firefighter personnel and all emergency response agencies and guarantees the department meets compliance with national standards.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Under the AFG program, a local agency is required to provide a 10% match to the funds provided through the grant program. Based upon the grant award of \$173,617, Federal funds will total \$157,833.63 with the City providing the required 10% local match, being \$15,783.37, transferred from Account # 4215+-65602 General Fund Contingency Fund to Account # 2329-69201 Fire Department. All grant-related purchases will comply with the City's bidding and purchasing policy requirements.

**Alternatives:**

Do not approve the grant award.

**Recommendation:**

- A. Accept the award of the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$173,617
- B. Approve revenue adjustment to the Fire Department budget in the amount of \$157,833.63
- C. Authorize a budget transfer of \$15,783.37 from Account #4215-65602 to Fire Department Account #2329-69201

**Attachment:**

A: Resolution

**Prepared By:**

/s/ William E. Fuller

William E. Fuller  
Assistant Fire Chief-Administration

Reviewed By:

Finance

City Attorney

**Submitted By:**

/s/ Michael Rock

Michael Rock  
City Manager

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## ATTACHMENT A

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY  
AUTHORIZING RECEIPT, ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE, OF A GRANT FROM THE  
2018 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF A  
REVENUE ADJUSTMENT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Homeland Security has conducted its annual Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to enhance fire departments' abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, under the current program, Federal funds cover 90% of project related costs, with the individual agency required to provide a 10% local match; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba City Fire Department submitted an application under the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant cycle and has been awarded \$173,617 for the replacement of all of the Department's mobile and base station radios; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to accept the grant, make the necessary budget adjustments to ensure the City's matching funds, and authorize the Acting Fire Chief to execute any necessary contracts or documents to effectuate the award of the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Yuba City as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct, and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby accepts the award of the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$173,617. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute any contracts or other documents on behalf of Yuba City necessary to effectuate acceptance of the grant funds, subject to approval as to legal form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. The City Council approves a revenue adjustment to the Fire Department budget in the amount of \$173,617, and authorizes a budget transfer of \$15,783.37 from Account #4215-65602 to Fire Department Account #2329-69201.

The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019.

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AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Shon Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia Buckland, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
COUNSEL FOR YUBA CITY

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