

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: September 21, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Fire Department
Presentation By: Jesse Alexander, Fire Chief

Summary

Subject: 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Purchase of Wildland Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), fire shelters and wildland boots.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to accept the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$47,168.55 and authorize the Finance Director to make a supplemental budget appropriation for grant revenues to 100-43120 and grant expenditures to 2324-69201 in the amount of \$42,880.50.

Fiscal Impact: \$47,168.55 total, \$42,880.50 in Federal funding with the City providing a required 10% local match of \$4,288.05.

Purpose:

Protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards in purchasing new Wildland Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and fire shelters used by Yuba City firefighters.

Background:

The Federal Department of Homeland Security has conducted its annual Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program since 2001. This program aims 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 applied under the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant cycle and awarded \$47,168.55 to purchase twenty-three sets of Wildland Personal Protective Equipment and fifty-one fire shelters.

Analysis:

The Yuba City Fire Department hosts a State OES pumper that responds to wildfires and other emergencies anywhere in the State under the State Mutual Aid System. Over the past five years, we have responded to some of the largest and most deadly wildfires in State history. As our personnel deploys to these deadly conflagrations, we need to provide them with the proper protective equipment.

The department needs to replace portions of its Wildland Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and fire shelters due to non-compliance with NFPA 1851's ten-year service life rule and replace newer wildland PPE due to required significant repairs. In addition, and as part of the COVID-19

protocol, personnel wears their wildland coat and pants on medical aid calls. Per the protocol, we are washing the PPE more frequently, minimizing the fire-resistant proofing on the PPE. Staff identified twenty-three out of fifty-one sets of Wildland PPE non-compliant with NFPA 1851's ten-year service life rule.

Staff also found fifty-one fire shelters non-compliant with NFPA 1851's 10-year service life rule. The newest fire shelters are thirteen years old, with the remaining group being eighteen years old. Due to the imperative role a fire shelter plays in protecting the lives of firefighters from a wildfire burn-over, we will replace all fifty-one to assure firefighter health and safety.

Most of the Fire Department personnel are without Wildland firefighting safety boots. The City currently purchases one set of station boots for firefighters once every three years and does not provide wildland safety boots; however, personnel can buy them independently. The grant will allow the department to purchase thirty-one pairs of Wildland Safety Boots for those who do not have them.

Acquisition of wildland PPE, fire shelters, and wildland boots will enhance our response capabilities to assure that all personnel has the appropriate equipment to safely and effectively respond to wildfire deployments.

Fiscal Impact:

Based upon the grant award of \$47,168.55, Federal funds will total \$42,880.50, with the City providing the required 10% local match, being \$4,288.05. All grant-related purchases will comply with the City's bidding and purchasing policy requirements.

Alternatives:

Do not adopt the Resolution accepting the award.

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to accept the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$47,168.55 and authorize the Finance Director to make a supplemental budget appropriation for grant revenues to 100-43120 and grant expenditures to 2324-69201 in the amount of \$42,880.50.

Attachment:

1. Resolution

Prepared By:

/s/ Jesse Alexander

Jesse Alexander
Fire Chief

Submitted By:

/s/ Dave Vaughn

Dave Vaughn
City Manager

Reviewed By:

City Attorney

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
AUTHORIZING RECEIPT, ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE, OF A GRANT FROM THE
2020 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 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant cycle and has been awarded \$47,168.55 for the replacement of the Department's Wildland Personal Protective Equipment, fire shelters and wildland boots; 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 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 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant of \$47,168.55. 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 supplemental appropriation for grant revenues to 100-43120 and grant expenditures to 2324-69201 in the amount of \$42,880.50.

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 21st day of September 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Marc Boomgaarden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ciara Wakefield, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
COUNSEL FOR YUBA CITY

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