

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew J. Fertal
Dept: City Manager
Subject: 2012 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT ACCEPTANCE; APPROVAL OF FIRE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FROM FISHER SCIENTIFIC

From: David R. Barlag
Dept: Fire
Date: January 8, 2013

OBJECTIVE

To request City Council approval to accept a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) award of \$128,976 through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program; and to request authorization to use this federal grant money to purchase equipment outlined in the grant application.

BACKGROUND

AFG is a cost share grant that has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment and training since 2001; approximately 20,000 applications are submitted nationwide each year. Historically, less than one percent is awarded to California applicants.

The Fire Department submitted an application for the 2012 grant cycle in mid-June, and on September 28, 2012, was notified of a successful grant award for a total project cost of \$161,220 (federal share is 80 percent or \$128,976, and the City's share is 20 percent or \$32,244).

DISCUSSION

The Fire Department is ready to move forward with the implementation of this grant. Pursuant to Garden Grove Municipal Code Section 2.50.060, the Purchasing Division conducted a formal contract/bid process for the acquisition of 45 Scott Air-Pak 75 SCBA Breathing Apparatus. Two vendors submitted bids and the lowest responsive bid was selected.

Fisher Scientific was the lowest bidder at \$189,601.64 for the 45 Scott Air-Pak 75 SCBA Breathing Apparatus:

- Fisher Scientific \$189,601.64
- AllStar Fire Equipment, Inc. \$202,774.73

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There is no negative financial impact to the General Fund. Proposition 172 (non-general funding) restricted for public safety, will be used to cover the City's required 20 percent (\$32,244) cost share, in addition to the overage in total cost not covered through the grant. The Fire Department budgeted for Air-Pak equipment / maintenance this fiscal year (12-13) under Proposition 172 (fund 220), this budgeted monies will now be used to cover the entire cost share for the City.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Authorize the acceptance of the 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award of \$128,976;
- Authorize the Finance Department to increase the Fire Department's budget by \$128,976;
- Authorize the Finance Department to issue purchase order/contract to:

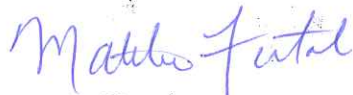
Fisher Scientific, in the amount of \$189,601.64 for the purchase of (45) Scott Air-Pak 75 SCBA Breathing Apparatus.



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Recommended for Approval



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