



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: James K. Scholl, City Manager
Greg Veliz, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Carolyn Sheldon, Senior Grants Administrator

DATE: September 25, 2018

RE: Ratifying the attached grant award package for Grant No. EMW-2017-FO-04301 from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program in the amount of \$72,131.00 Federal share and \$7,213.00 City Match. Approving necessary budget amendments or transfers to accept the grant.

ACTION STATEMENT:

This resolution will ratify the attached grant award package for Grant No. EMW-2017-FO-04301 from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program in the amount of \$72,131.00 Federal share and \$7,213.00 City Match. This resolution will also approve necessary budget amendments or transfers to accept the grant.

BACKGROUND:

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance for resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. The City of Key West submitted an application on February 2, 2018. The funding was awarded on September 14, 2018.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The AFG grant funding will be used to purchase of four (4) power lift cots for each of the Fire Department's existing four (4) ambulances that currently do not have this equipment. The Department's existing 5th ambulance, Rescue 5, is already equipped with a power lift cot. Power lift cots eliminate the need for two (2) non-mechanically assisted lifts each transport and have the potential to reduce the direct lifting of approximately eight (8) tons annually per responder. Based on 2017 data, there were 3,719 transport calls x 170 lbs. x 2 lifts per call = approximately 1,264,460 lbs. lifted by the Department's 79 responders. 1,264,460 lbs. / 79 responders = 16,005 lbs. or 8.0 tons per responder.

Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.

The purchase of a new 6th ambulance, Rescue 6, with power load equipment was approved by the City Commission on August 21, 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If the grant award package is ratified, grant revenue will be budgeted in Account 1010000-3319000 and the expenses in Account 1012601-5266400. The match amount of \$7,213.00 will come from anticipated cost savings realized from new vehicle purchases in the FY 2018-2019 budget, specifically, the purchase of new vehicles for EMS in 1012601 5226400 and Fire 1012201 5226400.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Commission ratify the grant award package for Grant No. EMW-2017-FO-04301 from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program in the amount of \$72,131.00 Federal share and \$7,213.00 City Match.