

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal

From: Dave Bertka

Dept: City Manager

Dept: Fire

Subject: 2011 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT ACCEPTANCE; APPROVAL OF VENDORS TO PURCHASE AWARDED ITEMS Date: April 24, 2012

OBJECTIVE

To request City Council approval to accept a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) award of \$50,340 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 1 percent are awarded to California applicants.

The Fire Department submitted an application for the 2011 grant cycle in mid-September and on February 3, 2012, was notified of a successful grant award for a total project cost of \$62,924 (federal share is 80 percent or \$50,340 and the City's share is 20 percent or \$12,584).

DISCUSSION

The Fire Department is ready to move forward with the implementation of this grant. Per the City's purchasing procedures, the Fire Department staff has obtained quotes/bids for two (2) of the four (4) separate equipment costs in the awarded grant: 1. Voice Amplifiers; and 2. Upgrade in Holmatro equipment.

Fisher Scientific was the lowest bidder at \$35,760.26 for the voice amplifiers:

- Fisher Scientific \$35,760.26
- AllStar Fire Equipment, Inc. \$36,612.70
- California Health & Safety Inc. \$37,138.59

Pursuant to Garden Grove Municipal Code Section 2.50.060(d), the Finance Director has determined that the Holmatro upgrade can only be obtained through Fire Service Specification and Supply (FS3).

- Fire Service Specification and Supply \$12,868.37

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 (\$12,584) cost share. The Fire Department budgeted for Holmatro equipment / maintenance this fiscal year (11-12) under Proposition 172 (fund 220), this budgeted monies will now be used to cover the entire cost share for the City, which includes Holmatro upgrade amongst other equipment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

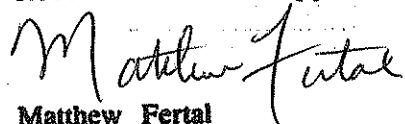
- Authorize the acceptance of the 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award of \$50,340;
- Authorize the Finance Department to increase the Fire Department's budget by \$50,340;
- Authorize the Finance Department to issue purchase orders to:
  1. Fisher Scientific, in the amount of \$35,760.26 for the purchase of (29) EPIC Voice Amplifiers; and
  2. Fire Service Specification and Supply (FS3), in the amount of \$12,865.37 for the Holmatro upgrade.



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**Recommended for Approval**



**Matthew Fertal**  
City Manager