

July 17, 2017

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **SUBJECT**

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management (FEMA), of up to \$92,861 to establish a formal Fitness and Injury Prevention Program for uniformed fire personnel; establishing a project within the Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserve Fund; amending the 2017-2018 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund by increasing the appropriation by up to \$92,861; appropriating revenues to that fund; and authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This is a reimbursement grant to establish a formal Fitness and Injury Prevention Program from DHS/FEMA. Adopting this Ordinance will appropriate \$92,861 in the Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserve Fund to be received from FEMA. The total program cost included in this award is \$102,147. There is a 10 percent city match requirement of \$9,286 which will be funded through the Fire Department's adopted operating budget. There are no ongoing maintenance and operations (M&O) costs associated with these expenditures. Sufficient funds exist within the Fire Department's 2017-2018 operating budget to fully fund the required match.

### **STAFF CONTACTS**

Mark Risen, Fire Chief, 452-6895  
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*Fire Department*

### **POLICY CONSIDERATION**

City Financial policies:

*N/A*

City Code:

*N/A*

Comprehensive Plan:

*N/A*

Pursuant to RCW 35A.34.200(d), the expenditure in the final budget shall constitute the City's appropriations for the fiscal biennium.

Under provisions of State law and the City's operating procedures, the operating budget may be amended by an ordinance that amends the original budget and states the sources of funding for the incremental appropriations.

Should the city of Bellevue accept grant funds that would reimburse the City for the formation of a Fitness and Injury Prevention Program for firefighters?

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2012, the City of Bellevue and International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 1604 created a

Joint Health and Wellness Committee (JHWC) to work cooperatively to increase overall firefighter wellness in an effort to decrease occupational injuries, reduce illnesses and risk of sudden death, reduce time loss, increase workforce health, and increase employee morale and public safety. One of the stated goals of the committee was to provide Peer Fitness trainer support for the department members and increase availability to exercise equipment. Due to budget constraints little progress had been made towards this goal.

In October 2016, the Fire Department submitted a grant application to the 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program towards a Fitness and Injury Prevention Program for firefighters. The AFG programs purpose is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

The grant proposal for the Fitness and Injury Prevention Program for fire contained the following key elements:

- Train and certify seven (7) additional firefighters as Peer Fitness Trainers as defined by International Association of Firefighters'/International Association of Fire Chiefs' Wellness/Fitness Task Force;
- Equip all fire stations with a minimum level of exercise equipment of similar design, functionality and age to ensure that firefighters have the ability to perform the same exercises regardless of their daily location; and,
- Provide funding for Peer Fitness Training and Assessment by the certified trainers on an overtime basis whenever they are counseling fire companies at a station where they are not assigned.

The department received notification from the federal Department of Homeland Security on June 23, 2017 that our AFG grant application had been approved in the amount of \$92,861.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

If approved, this Ordinance becomes effective July 27, 2017.

### **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance authorizing acceptance of 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management (FEMA), of up to \$92,861 to establish a formal Fitness and Injury Prevention Program for uniformed fire personnel; establishing a project within the Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserve Fund; amending the 2017-2018 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund by increasing the appropriation by up to \$92,861; appropriating revenues to that fund; and authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1

**MOTION**

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6360 authorizing acceptance of 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management (FEMA), of up to \$92,861 to establish a formal Fitness and Injury Prevention Program for uniformed fire personnel; establishing a project within the Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserve Fund; amending the 2017-2018 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund by increasing the appropriation by up to \$92,861; appropriating revenues to that fund; and authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed Ordinance No. 6360

**AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY**

- A. Notice of Award
- B. Grant Application