

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

DATE: December 2, 2019

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Accept the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program Award for the Goodyear Fire Department project titled, “Goodyear Fire Threat Identification and Venue Protection Enhancement”

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Tim Wayne, Deputy Chief

OTHER PRESENTER(S): None

Summary:

The grant will allow the Fire Department to purchase new meters and the necessary equipment to monitor emergency and hazmat scenes on site and remotely. The advanced connectivity will allow for remote monitoring of atmospheric conditions as well as chemical, biological and radiation threats from a distance such as the Emergency Operations Center.

Recommendation:

Accept the Homeland Security Grant Award of \$38,000 awarded by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to the Goodyear Fire Department and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents related to the grant award.

Fiscal Impact:

There is a total annual cost of \$1,674.16 per year for calibration and maintenance that will be supported by current base budget. There is no required match for this grant.

Background and Previous Actions

Over the last 3 years, the Fire Department has looked for grant funding opportunities to upgrade and bolster the technology and response capabilities of the Hazardous Materials Response Team. This includes advanced meters and equipment as well as training for the team. This grant will allow the Fire Department to purchase new meters and the necessary equipment to monitor remotely. In addition to monitoring emergency and hazmat scenes, these meters will allow us to provide venue safety and threat detection capabilities for large events in the City of Goodyear to include Spring Training, holiday festivals and other citywide events. The advanced connectivity will allow for remote monitoring of atmospheric conditions as well as chemical, biological and radiation threats from a distance such as the Emergency Operations Center.

Staff Analysis

This grant is an expansion of a grant the department received last year. It will add 2 more meters for a total of 4 meters to the system, allowing geographic atmospheric monitoring over a large area. This system has already shown its value as it was deployed during Spring Training Games at Goodyear Ballpark last year and was used as a regional asset at NASCAR races in Avondale. This grant funding will improve situational awareness for first responders tasked with watching over public events and gatherings.

All equipment must be purchased and received within the grant period beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Documentation will be submitted for reimbursement to Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDoHS) after equipment has been purchased and received. Previously, the city has been reimbursed within ninety (90) days of submitting the paperwork to AZDoHS.

Attachments

Sub-grantee Agreement
Grant Award Letter