THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: September 22, 2020

Subject: Acceptance and Budget Amendment for FEMA's Fire Prevention & Safety Grant

Staff Resource(s): Scott Burnette, Asheville Fire Chief; Abigail Riley, Financial Business Manager

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution for City Council to authorize the City Manager to accept grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Fire Prevention & Safety Grant and a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $45,029 utilizing the $42,884 in grant funds and $2,145 in matching funds.

Background:

- In March 2020, the Asheville Fire Department applied for FEMA's Fire Prevention & Safety Grant for specialized equipment for fire investigators.
- In September 2020, the Department was awarded $42,884 for this added safety equipment to outfit its investigators.
- The equipment to be purchased includes specialized Personal Protective Equipment, reliable lighting, documentation tools (such as software), and excavation tools.
- Additionally, the funds will be used for supplies that have the ability to decontaminate the equipment and tools without the fire investigator having to call a suppression company on scene.
- FEMA is requiring a match by the City of $2,145.
- The Department requests City Council to approve acceptance of the grant award and allow for a budget amendment to assign the grant funds in the City's Special Revenue Fund.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- N/A

Council Goal(s):

- Smart City

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- The grant increases firefighter safety.
- The grant enables investigators to effectively manage a multi-day fire scene without having to take a suppression company out of service to provide support.

Con(s):

- The City's total match over the two year period of performance is $2,145.

Fiscal Impact:

- To receive the funds the City has a one-time match of $2,145 which will be taken from the adopted Fire Department FY 2020-21 operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution for City Council to authorize the City Manager to accept grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Fire Prevention & Safety Grant and a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $45,028 utilizing the $42,884 in grant funds and $2,145 in matching funds.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

WHEREAS, the City has the authority pursuant to N.C.S.G. 160A-17 to apply for and receive grants from the Federal Government and to enter into contracts with said grants; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded the City of Asheville the amount of $42,884 through the Fire Prevention & Safety Grant for specialized PPE, reliable lighting, documentation tools, and excavation tools; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has a required match of $2,145 in order to accept grant funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept funds and enter into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of $45,029.

Read, approved, and adopted this 22nd day of September. 2020

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $45,029 as a combination of funding from the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant and City funds as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Restricted Intergovernmental Federal Grants	$42,884.00
Transfer from General Fund	$2,145.00
Total Revenues	$45,029.00

Appropriations:

Supplies - Other	$45,029.00
Total Appropriations	$45,029.00

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney