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TITLE: Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager, or Designee, to Apply for, Accept, and Implement, if Awarded, an Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFG) from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to Provide Financial Assistance for a Technical Rescue Fire Apparatus

COUNCIL GOAL: Safe and Secure Community and Operational Excellence

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Fire

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RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

- Approval of Resolution to accept and implement the grant, if awarded, to fund the purchase of a technical rescue fire apparatus.

ITEM SUMMARY:

- This request is to purchase a technical rescue response apparatus.
- Technical rescue involves specialized tools and skills for various complex rescue scenarios, such as advanced vehicle extrication, confined space, rope, trench, structural collapse, and swift water rescue. These operations often demand specialized rescue equipment due to their complexity and the limitations of conventional fire departments or emergency medical services.
- The Department responds to such events but must assemble or respond multiple vehicles to bring specialized equipment to the scene. A single apparatus will improve efficiency and maintain equipment in one location.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The Fire Department currently has trained firefighters who respond to technical rescue and related events.
- Technical rescue equipment is maintained at one fire station on multiple apparatus. A single vehicle will simplify the response to those complex scenarios.
- No new FTE positions are required to staff this vehicle.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- AFG is a 90% federal / 10% local cost share for jurisdictions with a population of 20,000 to 1,000,000.
- The amount of the grant request is for \$1,100,000 for the purchase of a technical rescue response apparatus. The City, if awarded the AFG Grant, is responsible for a 10% match, or approximately \$110,000.00.
- This apparatus will be staffed with current personnel and not require any new FTE's

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

- N/A

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

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