

**MEETING DATE/TYPE:** VOTING MEETING 5-14-19

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire

**AGENDA ITEM:** Approval for the Fire Department to apply for various Fiscal Year 2020 grant funding opportunities.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Grants Fund

**Approved By:** Michael Lamar, City Manager

### Item Summary

The following Fiscal Year 2020 funding opportunities are expected to be open for grant applications related to Fire Department operations, capital equipment, and programming:

1. 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant
2. 2019 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant (FP&G)
3. 2019 Arizona Homeland Security Grant Program
4. 100 Club Safety Enhancement Stipends
5. Miscellaneous grants from organizations such as the Arizona and Yavapai County Departments of Emergency Management, Yavapai–Prescott Indian Tribe, State Farm and other insurance companies, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, and other Tribal Nations

Until guidance is issued or a grant application cycle opens, specific funding priorities, eligible activities, and requirements are not known. However, the Fire Department always has equipment and training needs, which support pursuing grants. Additionally, capital equipment and facilities can substantially reduce City costs through successful grant application.

### Background

1. FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Grant guidance is generally published in November with an application deadline in December. The program funds equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. 10% City match required.

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2. FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&G)

Grant guidance is generally published in March with an application deadline in May. The program supports projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations. 5% City match required.

3. Arizona Homeland Security Grant Program

Grant application information is generally published in January or February with an early March deadline. The State Homeland Security Grant Program funds projects that support terrorism preparedness. Needs of the specialty response teams and interoperability needs such as communication equipment are eligible activities as they serve a dual purpose. They enhance emergency response capabilities that support terrorism preparedness and simultaneously support fire department preparedness for other hazards (hazmat, technical rescue, mass casualty, etc). Typically a 100% funded grant with no City match, although it is a competitive grant among our region.

4. 100 Club of Arizona Safety Enhancement Stipends

Requests must be related to firefighter safety and can be submitted quarterly. Requests may replace existing equipment or augment/enhance equipment already in operation. Typically covers 100% of cost with no City match.

5. Miscellaneous grants

Throughout the year other opportunities may become available. Sources would be Arizona and Yavapai County Departments of Emergency Management; State Farm and other insurance companies; businesses and organizations that give back to the community; and Tribal Nations that offer grants to meet the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact (Prop 202). These opportunities typically cover 100% of cost with no City match.

**Financial Impact**

An amount is included in the Fire Department budget each fiscal year in the event grants are received. The sustainability of any grant and future financial impact on the budget are considered before application. Of the grant resources mentioned above, only the FEMA grant programs require a City match, which is based on our population. To date, all other grant programs mentioned above have been 100% funding. Any grant that is awarded will be brought to the Council for approval of acceptance.

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**Recommended Action: MOVE** to approve the Fire Department to apply for grant applications for Fiscal Year 2020.