

# City of Brisbane

## Agenda Report

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ron Myers, Fire Chief, via Shane Lauderdale, Deputy Fire Chief

DATE: City Council Meeting of February 1, 2018

SUBJECT: FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

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### PURPOSE

Continue to provide high quality safety equipment for Brisbane's firefighters through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

### RECOMMENDATION

It is requested that City Council accept and appropriate the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant awarded to the North County Fire Authority and authorize the purchase of firefighter Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and accessories.

### BACKGROUND

Since 2001, FEMA has enhanced the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards through Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) that provide direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments. These grants are for the acquisition of apparatus, purchasing of firefighting equipment, specialized training, and firefighter wellness and fitness programs.

The Fire Department was awarded the AFG grant for the needed replacement of 75 outdated firefighter Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and associated accessories. This needed replacement equipment will provide the newest generation SCBA that meet National Fire Protection Association standards and comply with OSHA regulations. The cost of replacing the SCBA is \$569,442.19.

San Mateo County utilizes a boundary drop deployment model to increase efficiency and effectiveness, as well the San Mateo County Fire Chiefs have adopted county-wide operational procedures and a standardized type of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). All jurisdictions within San Mateo County use the same manufacturer of SCBA exclusively. Therefore, all fire personnel have received training on the use and

maintenance of a single style of breathing apparatus, making for more cost-effective operation and maintenance of SCBA.

North County Fire Authority has trained technicians certified to maintain, repair, and test the face pieces and other components of the SCBA's presently used in the County. Additionally, the three breathing support vehicles in the County service these single-source breathing apparatus, and have a cache of compatible breathing air bottles to use at emergency incidents, regardless of jurisdiction.

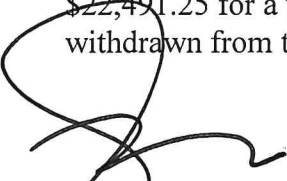
For these reasons, using an alternate brand of SCBA is cost prohibitive. Therefore, North County Fire Authority requested and was granted authorization from FEMA, to specify and sole source the brand of SCBA purchased.

### DISCUSSION

The City Council is urged to accept this FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. All represented by the North County Fire Authority will benefit from the replacement of this required firefighter safety equipment and will continue to maximize continuity and efficiencies of firefighter operations.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Because of the North County Fire Authority, the cities of Daly City, Brisbane, and Pacifica are authorized to participate and share in this grant. Daly City's portion of matching funds is \$56,228.13; Brisbane's match is \$11,245.63; and, Pacifica's is \$22,491.25 for a total grant match of \$89,965.01. Brisbane's match of \$11,245.63 will be withdrawn from the Fire Emergency Equipment fund reserves.



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