



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Public Safety
AGENDA DATE: September 25, 2019
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Fire-Rescue Department
EXECUTIVE: Jon Fortune

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** the acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (Award No. EMW-2018-FO-05183, CFDA No. 97.044) in the amount of \$129,600.00 for behavioral health training for the period September 3, 2019 through September 2, 2020; **(2)** the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$129,600.00 in the DHS-FY 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program 19-20 Fund; **(3)** the receipt and deposit of grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$129,600.00 in the DHS-FY 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program 19-20 Fund; **(4)** a local cash match in an amount not to exceed \$19,440.00; and **(5)** execution of the grant agreement and assurances and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Total not to exceed \$149,040.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funds (\$129,600.00) and General Fund (\$19,440.00)

BACKGROUND

DSH through the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funds to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. The Dallas Fire-Rescue Department (DFR) submitted a grant application and was awarded funding of \$149,040.00, with a federal share of \$129,600.00 and the City's share of \$19,440.00. The term of the grant is for the period September 3, 2019 through September 2, 2020.

DFR has developed specifications including a number of objectives that require students who complete the program to understand the prevalence of mental health and substance abuse problems, to understand the unique nature of the Fire/Emergency Medical Services culture and how firefighters can be affected by it, and to learn the risk factors and warning signs of these kinds of crises.

The grant award provides DFR with eight hours of hands-on, instructor-led training, and all course materials for 324 members at unit price of \$460.00. The training will comply to National Fire Protection Association 1500 Standard or equivalent.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

City Council will be briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on September 20, 2019.

FISCAL INFORMATION

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant Funds - \$129,600.00
General Fund - \$19,440.00