



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Council Session

## Item G-20

**#2022-251 - Approving Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program  
for the Purchase of SCBAs**

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief  
**Meeting:** September 13, 2022  
**Subject:** Approving Assistance to Firefighter Grant  
**Presenter(s):** Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

## Background

The Grand Island Fire Department (GIFD) utilizes self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to supply safe breathing air to firefighters while they are working in atmospheres that are immediately dangerous to life and health. The current SCBAs in use are over 15 years old and in need of replacement. Due to budget challenges, the decision was made to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to help with the cost.

## Discussion

The GIFD applied for a grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program on January 21, 2022 to assist with the purchase of SCBAs. On August 31, 2022, the GIFD was notified that an AFG was awarded in the amount of \$352,545.45. Fire administration is requesting Council's approval to accept the grant. In addition to the grant funds, the City will have approximately \$150,000 in additional expense to purchase SCBAs for the fire department. The purchase of new SCBAs was included in the GIFD's capital budget request for FY 2022-23.

## Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council accept the grant from the Assistance to Firefighter Grant program for the purchase of SCBAs.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve acceptance of the grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for the purchase of SCBAs.

RESOLUTION 2022-251

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Fire Department (GIFD) utilizes self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to supply safe breathing air to firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the current SCBAs used by the GIFD are over 15 years old and need replaced; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2022, fire administration applied for a grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program to help cover the cost of new SCBAs; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2022 the GIFD was notified of a pending grant award in the amount of \$352,545.45.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, move to approve the acceptance of the grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program in the amount of \$352,545.45 for the purchase of SCBAs.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 13, 2022.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
September 9, 2022	☐ City Attorney