



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Council Session

Item G-15

#2023-28 - Approving Application for the Grand Island Fire Department to Apply for FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to Purchase 70 P25 Compliant Radios

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Council Agenda Memo

From: Libby Finochiaro, Grants Administrator
Meeting: January 24, 2023
Subject: Assistance to Firefighters FY22 Grant Application
Presenter(s): Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Background

The Grand Island Fire Department is requesting to apply to the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for funding assistance for the purchase of seventy P-25 compliant radios.

Discussion

The radios being utilized by the City need to be replaced with P-25 compliant radios. The current Motorola XPR 7550 radios do not allow the fire department to communicate with the communities surrounding Grand Island. The process to talk to another department is to call into dispatch and have the call patched over to the correct department. This process creates communication delays and increases response times during critical events. The inability to quickly communicate is putting our staff and community at risk. The total cost of purchasing seventy P-25 compliant radios is \$665,742.00. This grant will award up to \$605,220.00 toward the radios with a local match of \$60,522.00. The expenditures will occur in FY24.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters grant application and local matching fund of \$60,522.00 for use in FY24.
2. Postpone the issue to a future meeting.
3. Take no action.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters grant application and local matching fund of \$60,522.00 for use in FY24.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution authorizing the submittal of the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters grant application and local matching fund of \$60,522.00 for use in FY24.

R E S O L U T I O N 2023-28

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island Fire Department is applying to the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters grant for federal assistance to purchase P-25 compliant radios.

WHEREAS, in order to communicate via radio with surrounding departments the Grand Island Fire Department must upgrade their current radios and purchase P-25 compliant radios; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the purchase of the seventy P-25 compliant radios is \$665,742.00 with \$605,220.00 of that cost being requested in federal grant funding and \$60,522.00 is requested in local match funding for FY24.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application and \$60,522.00 local match in FY24 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such renewal grant application on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 24, 2023.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
January 20, 2023	☐ City Attorney
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