

Legislation Text

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2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Action:

- A. Authorize the Charlotte Fire Department to apply for a grant for the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters local grant program for extrication equipment and turnout gear, and**
- B. Authorize the Charlotte Fire Department to apply for a grant for the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters regional grant program to enhance regional radio communications.**

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Explanation

- The Assistance to Firefighters Grant is a competitive federal grant program that the Charlotte Fire Department (CFD) applies for annually.
- Under the Assistance to Firefighters grant program, awards are granted at both the local and regional level. CFD will apply for both the local and regional programs.
- Each grant requires a local match which will be met by using existing equipment and radio replacement funding.
- If awarded, CFD will request City Council authorization to accept and appropriate the federal award amounts in the spring of 2018.

Action A-2017 Assistance to Firefighters Local Grant

- The 2017 Assistance to Firefighters local grant program allows fire and emergency medical service departments to apply for grants for equipment and protective gear.
- CFD will apply to use the local grant program funding to purchase the following:
 - 431 sets of turnout gear to replace the gear that is approximately 8-10 years old and nearing end of its useful life.
 - Extrication equipment to outfit four ladder companies.
- The local grant would be 90 percent federal share and 10 percent local match.
 - The applications will request a federal award of \$951,431.82
 - If awarded in full, the 10 percent local match would be \$95,143.18 and will come from existing funding available for equipment.

Action B-2017 Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant

- The 2017 Assistance to Firefighters regional grant program allows fire and emergency medical service departments to apply for grants for regional projects.
- CFD will serve as the host applicant agency and will apply for a regional grant to enhance the coverage and resiliency of radio communications through the purchase of new digital equipment.
- Participating jurisdictions currently include: Charlotte, Gastonia, Mooresville, Kannapolis as well as Union and Cabarrus Counties.
- The regional grant would be 85 percent federal share and 15 percent local match.
 - The application will request a federal award of \$3.45 million
 - If awarded in full, the 15 percent match would be \$517,500 and will come from existing

funding for regional radio system enhancements along with proportional support from the participating jurisdictions.

Fiscal Note

Funding: 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, General Community Investment Plan, and Funding from Participating Jurisdictions