

CITY OF NAPA CITY COUNCIL  
**AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR  
AGENDA ITEM 10.C.  
Date: October 04, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Mike Randolph, Fire Chief

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Subject: Acceptance of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Fire Prevention and Safety Grant

**ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters – Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, authorizing a budget appropriation in the amount of \$356,080, and authorizing the Fire Chief to execute a purchase order for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

**DISCUSSION:**

The Fire Department applied for a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety grant seeking funding to replace the Departments forty-eight (48) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) and SCBA cylinders. The current SCBAs are over 13 years old and will reach their life cycle within 2 years. These SCBAs are used during emergency responses and training activities in excess of 4,000 times per year and as the call volume continues to increase so does the wear and tear on our SCBAs. The Fire Department has a comprehensive SCBA Maintenance Program; it is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive to repair these pieces of equipment and the electronic parts are becoming harder to find. The Fire Department plans to replace these aging SCBAs, which will bring the department into compliance with NFPA 1404-2013 Edition Guidelines, as well as 29CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 1910.134 and include safety systems to protect the health and safety of the Napa City Firefighters.

The SCBA's being requested have several features that will increase Firefighter safety, enhance Firefighter's ability to rescue citizens, decrease the time of rescue of downed Firefighters by our Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC), enhance emergency scene communication thus improving scene control. The new features will include:

Integrated Personal Alarm Safety System (PASS) – Automatic activation when the SCBA is turned on, and activation of an alarm both visible and audible when a Firefighter becomes incapacitated on scene. The audible alarm allows others to find that Firefighter and assist in their rescue.

Buddy Breathing or Quick Fill – The new SCBA'S will provide the capability to share air with another SCBA. This feature is extremely useful when performing a rescue of another firefighter.

Voice amplifier – Communications are a constant struggle when using SCBA'S, the NFD will improve communications by providing new SCBA'S with voice amplification. This will improve inter-crew communications and safety for everyone on an emergency incident including RIC teams.

Illuminated Heads-Up Display – A visual indication of air supply remaining is visible, while wearing the SCBA mask. This will constantly be in the sight of Firefighters, which greatly improves the awareness of remaining air supply.

The Fire Department submitted an application for the grant in January 2016. Staff recently received notification of award for \$356,080, \$323,709 is the Federal share and the City's share of the cost is \$32,371. Recognition should be given to Battalion Chief Charlie Rhodes for pursuing this Grant.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

This grant positively impacts the General Fund and increases the Napa Fire Department budget by \$356,080 for FY2016-17 offset by reimbursement in the amount of \$323,709 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The following budget appropriations are requested for FY2016-17:

Revenue (Sources):

49270-33111-FDSCBAGRNT (Fire Operations Federal Op Direct)	\$323,709
10000-25001 (General Fund – Resvd for Contingency)	\$ 32,371

Expenditures (Uses):

49270-57401-FDSCBAGRNT-57401	\$356,080
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### **CEQA:**

The Fire Chief has determined that the Recommended Action described in this Agenda Report is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060. Exempt from review – not a project as defined in Section 15378 of CEQA Guidelines.

### **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

1. Attachment 1 - Resolution authorizing acceptance of Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters – Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, authorizing a budget appropriation in the amount of \$356,080 and authorizing the Fire Chief to execute a purchase order for the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
2. Attachment 2 - Grant Summary Award Memo

**NOTIFICATION:**

None

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council move, second and approve each of the actions set forth below, in the form of the following motion. Move to:

Adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters – Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, authorizing a budget appropriation in the amount of \$356,080 and authorizing the Fire Chief to execute a purchase order for the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.