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Agenda Item: 4c
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SUBJECT: Action regarding Resolution No. 2016-15, Acceptance of Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Equipment Grant for Saginaw-Northwest Emergency Response Organization (NERO) USAR Enhancements

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department as part of the Northwest Emergency Response Organization (NERO) has been awarded a Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) equipment grant in the amount of \$10,000. This grant does not require any matching funds. More information regarding the grant program and a list of equipment is included in the attached memo. The adoption of the resolution accepting the grant is required before the equipment can be acquired.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impact will be the receipt of the grant in the amount of \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2016-15, acceptance of Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Equipment Grant for Saginaw-Northwest Emergency Response Organization (NERO) USAR Enhancements.

Attachments

Memo from Doug Spears
Proposed Resolution



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TO: City Manager Nan Stanford

FROM: Fire Chief Doug Spears

DATE: October 11, 2016

RE: UASI Grant Award

Our department has been awarded a Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) equipment grant in the amount of \$10,000. This grant does not have a matching requirement.

Both Federal and State grants to first responders, particularly fire departments, have been progressively becoming much more challenging to secure and are focused on regional needs assessments, the most good for the most people, as opposed to local single community needs. As a result of formally establishing the Northwest Emergency Response Organization (NERO) in 2011 with our surrounding aid departments it has permitted us to successfully compete for grant funds that would otherwise be extremely challenging to apply and compete for. UASI grants in particular are reserved for urban areas to enhance the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other significant emergencies and directly have a positive impact on both State and local preparedness.

Our department along with our NERO partners is considered a regional asset that can provide some specific technical response capabilities. Our department specifically has a substantial cache of Urban Search and Rescue equipment focused primarily in the areas of structural collapse and confined space. Azle FD, as another example, maintains a significant cache of Hazmat response equipment. The grant funds will be utilized to enhance our equipment cache with some equipment and capabilities we currently lack.

The equipment consist of a heavy duty concrete breaker, a concrete cutting chain saw, a carbide cutting saw, and cordless angle grinder, a portable industrial rescue torch, a confined space search camera and some miscellaneous PPE.

In order to proceed with the grant award the Council must formally adopt a resolution. Once the resolution is submitted we can begin acquiring the items. The grant funds will be allocated through a reimbursement process. I have prepared and included the resolution document.

City of Saginaw
Resolution No. 2016-15
Grant # 3161501

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2016 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD FOR SAGINAW – NORTHWEST EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORGANIZATION (NERO) USAR ENHANCEMENTS

WHEREAS, The City of Saginaw finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Saginaw and Dallas-Fort Worth regional area, that the 2016 UASI – Saginaw – NERO USAR Enhancements be obtained and operated for the grant period of 9/1/2016 to 3/31/2018; and

WHEREAS, City of Saginaw agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, City of Saginaw assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, City of Saginaw designates the Fire Chief as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saginaw approves acceptance of the award for the 2016 UASI – Saginaw – NERO USAR Enhancements grant from the Office of the Governor.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

Gary Brinkley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice England, City Secretary