

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 14, 2023 [X] Consent [] Regular
[] Workshop [] Public Hearing

Department: Fire Rescue

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to ratify:

- A) a FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application electronically submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on February 9, 2023, requesting \$780,000 to fund 90% of the purchase of a 450 Liquid CO2 Extractor machine, for a term beginning twenty four months from the date of award; and
- B) the designation of the County Administrator, or designee, to act as the County's representative for the purpose of electronically signing and submitting the FY 2022 AFG grant application, including Assurances and Certifications via the DHS FEMA website.

Summary: This grant application requests \$780,000 from DHS FEMA for the purchase of a 450 Liquid CO2 Extractor machine that removes 99% of the 10 target contaminants from firefighter bunker gear after a fire. The total project cost identified in the grant application is \$858,000. The required match for this grant is \$78,000 (10% of the federal share), which will be funded from Fire Rescue's contingency reserve.

If awarded, the grant will provide funding for the cost of the machine (\$458,000), installation (\$200,000) and two years of maintenance (\$100,000 yearly). The machine will provide immeasurable benefits to the health and safety of our firefighters, as it helps reduce the risk of cancer and other adverse effects caused by exposure to products of combustion. Due to the preparation time, submittal deadlines, and BCC meeting dates, the grant application had to be submitted prior to full Board approval.

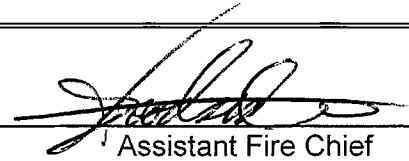
Countywide (SB)


Background and Justification: The FY 2022 AFG Program is a competitive grant program designed to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and State Fire Training Academies for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

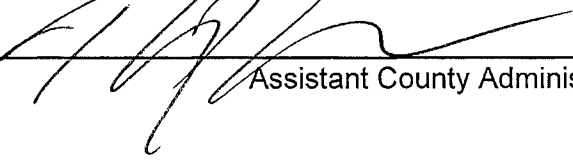
The AFG Program requires submission of grant applications by electronic format in order to assure an efficient review and competitive scoring of all funding requests submitted under this program. The deadline for submission of this grant application to the grantor agency was 5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2023. Pursuant to Section 309.00 of the Palm Beach County Administrative Code, the Mayor approved this grant application, which now must be ratified by the Board. The grant application includes certifications of compliance with required assurances and certifications, as stated in the application and related program guidance. If the grant is awarded and the extractor is purchased, the annual maintenance cost is estimated to be \$100,000 annually.

Attachments:

- 1. FY 2022 AFG application and related documentation
- 2. Approval memo

Recommended by:  2-13-2023
Assistant Fire Chief Date

Approved by:  2-13-2023
Fire Rescue Administrator Date

Approved by:  2/23/2023
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital Expenditures	<u>858,000</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	<u>(780,000)</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>*78,000</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Proposed Budget? Yes ___ No X
 Does this item include the use of federal funds Yes X No ___

Budget Account No.: Fund ___ Dept ___ Unit ___ Rev Source ___

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

* There is no Fiscal Impact at this time. Should the grant be awarded, a budget amendment will be brought to the Board for approval. The funding source for the required match of \$78,000 will be from the Fire Rescue MSTU (Fund 1300) contingency reserves.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *[Signature]*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

[Handwritten notes: 2/10/23, 2/16/23]
[Signature] 2/16/23
 OFMB
 2/16

[Signature] 2/22/23
 Contract Development and Control
 2/21/23

B. Legal Sufficiency

[Signature] 2/23/23
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

