## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	March 14, 2023	[X] Consent [ ] Workshop	[ ] Regular [ ] 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:	hold	2-13-2023
	Assistant Fire Chief	Date
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Approved by:	File Rescue Administrator	Date 7/17/1013
	Assistant County Administrator	Date (
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## **II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

## A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital Expenditures	858,000	<u> </u>			
Operating Costs External Revenues	(780,000)		<u></u>		
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
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# 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:** 

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

B. Legal Sufficiency

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Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

**Department Director** 

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



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TO: Honorable Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Patrick J. Kennedy, Fire Rescue Administrator Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

DATE: February 8, 2023

RE:

FY 2022 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Pursuant to Section 309.00 of the Palm Beach County Administrative Code and PPM#CW-F-003, your signature is required for Fire Rescue's grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (grant application attached). The application is due to DHS no later than February 10, 2023 and the required method for grant submission is electronically through the DHS website. The grant's program guidelines are also attached for your review.

As part of your authorization on this grant application, Fire Rescue is requesting that you designate the County Administrator or designee (Fire Rescue Administrator or Fire Rescue Finance Director), to act as the County's representative for the purpose of electronically signing the grant application online.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue is requesting \$780,000 FEMA grant funding with a 10% Fire Rescue match of \$78,000, for a total of \$858,000. This grant will provide funding for the purchase of a 450 Liquid CO2 Extractor machine. This machine will help reduce the risk of cancer to our 1,500 firefighters by cleaning firefighter bunker gear after a fire and removing 99% of the 10 target contaminants. This investment will provide immeasurable benefits to the health and safety of our firefighters. Staff will submit this item for ratification on the Board's March 14, 2023 County Commission Agenda.

18/22 Reviewed by ounty Attorney Date Approved by: Gregg K. Weiss Mayor

Pursuant to Section 309.00 of the Palm Beach County Administrative Code, and in accordance with the above designation by the Mayor, I hereby designate Chief Patrick J. Kennedy, Fire Rescue Administrator or Michael Martz, Fire Rescue Finance Director to electronically sign and submit, on-line via the DHS website, the attached application for the FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Approved by:

denia C. Baker, County Administrator