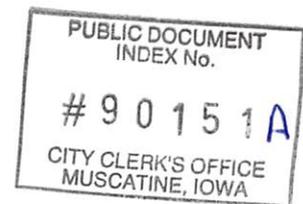


June 5, 2007

To: A.J. Johnson, City Administrator

From: Chief Dalbey

Subject: Approval of specifications for a new breathing air compressor



The Fire Department received a Federal Department of Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$114,200 for the purchase of a new breathing air compressor and upgrades to our self-contained breathing apparatus. The portion of that amount set aside for the breathing air compressor is \$35,000. We have completed the specifications for that piece of equipment and are ready to begin the bidding process.

I have attached a set of specifications for the compressor and would like approval from the City Council to send them out to prospective bidders. The bid submission period would extend until Thursday, June 28 at which time they would be opened and we would make a recommendation for purchase at the first City Council meeting in July.

The City is responsible for 10% of the grant amount but it is my understanding that bills for the overall project can be submitted to DHS until their share is exhausted so there should not be any immediate need for matching funds until we complete the project later during the summer or early fall.

Johnson, AJ

From: Dalbey, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 12:09 PM
To: Donelson, Fran; Johnson, AJ
Cc: Lueck, Nancy
Subject: Compressor Bid Specifications
Attachments: Compressor Bid Approval 6-07.doc; Muscatine FD Compressor Specs.doc

As I mentioned yesterday, I have an item to include on the City Council agenda. Attached is a memo requesting City Council approval of specifications for the purchase of a new breathing air compressor. It is a portion of a Federal grant we received near the end of last year. The amount set aside for the compressor was \$35,000. I have also attached the bid/specification document. Please forward these to the City Council members and place this item on the agenda for the Thursday night meeting.

In addition, I have just been advised of the opportunity to submit a grant request to Carver Charitable Trust for some medical equipment. This is for four (4) Capnocheck hand held capnograph/oximeters. These are crucial pieces of equipment needed for our Critical Care Paramedic program, and also for our Paramedic Specialists doing Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI). Soon we will begin using Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), and this is necessary for those devices. Capnography indicates how much CO₂ is being eliminated from the lungs by measuring the level of exhaled CO₂. It is also used as a patient safety device that provides fast and reliable indication of proper placement of the endotracheal tube when using a ventilation device on critical patients during Critical Care Transports. I would appreciate it if you would add this request to the agenda for grant funding of these devices, totaling \$8,462.05 for which there is no match required. Thank you.