



# City of Muscatine

ITEM NUMBER 2023-0046

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

DATE: 2/2/2023

### STAFF

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Gerald Ewers, Fire Chief

### SUBJECT

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Request for Authorization To Submit a Grant Request Through the Department Of Homeland Security (DHS) Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) For A Breathing Air Compressor And A Portable Breathing Air Trailer.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Presented for Council's consideration is a request to submit a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighter Grant for the purchase of a breathing air system and portable breathing air system for the amount of \$ 224,000. This grant has a 90% federal match and 10% city match. If the grant was awarded and accepted, the total cost would be \$ 22,400.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends approval to submit a DHS/AFG grant in the amount of \$224,000 for the purchase of a new breathing air compressor and breathing air portable trailer. If approved and accepted, the city's 10% match would be \$ 22,400.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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DHS offers grant submittals annually. The application period closes February 10, 2023. FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) provides funding for the essentials that firefighters and first responders need to be safe and effective on the job. The request at this time is just to fill out and submit the grant prior to the grant deadline of February 10, 2023. If the grant request is awarded, the city has the option at that time to accept or deny the grant. If accepted, the city's obligation would be to pay a 10% match of the awarded grant, which would be approximately \$ 22,400. If the city decides to deny the grant, it may have a negative effect on future grant application requests. This breathing air compressor was planned and budgeted to be replaced in FY 23/24. This grant opportunity allows us the chance to purchase this through a 90/10 grant instead of a budgeted capital outlay request.

### CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

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If the grant was awarded and accepted by the city, it would save the city \$45,600 if the approved FY 23/24 capital outlay request for \$ 68,000 is approved for the breathing air compressor.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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