

TO: James L. App, City Manager

FROM: Ken Johnson, ES Chief 

SUBJECT: FEMA Grant Acceptance

DATE: July 5, 2010

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to assist in the replacement of firefighting equipment.

FACTS:

1. Fire hoses and nozzles are equipment essential in the control and extinguishment of fires. This equipment has a limited life.
2. Most of the fire hose used by the Department was purchased over ten years ago and is experiencing a 25% failure rate. Nozzles are similarly aged and have received normal wear-and-tear rendering them only partially effective and prone to extraordinary maintenance.
3. The City was notified of its successful FEMA grant request in the amount of \$114,652 for the purpose of replacing fire hose, nozzles, and associated equipment.
4. The adopted budget provides an appropriation for the ongoing replacement of equipment, sufficient to cover the grant's matching requirement of \$12,739.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: Fire hoses and nozzles are basic equipment for the control and extinguishment of fires. These wear out over time and use. The Department has made it a practice to replace a portion of this equipment each year to level out the expense.

As part of its annual testing, the Department experienced an abnormally high failure rate of almost 25%. This is primarily attributed to equipment age (>10 years).

The Department was successful in securing a FEMA grant to replace this equipment.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual, Section 7.0

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IMPACT: The Council has made budget appropriations each fiscal year for the partial replacement of fire hose and nozzles. The FY 10/11 funds dedicated to equipment replacement would serve as the grant award required match of \$12,739.

OPTIONS:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 10-xx accepting the award of a Federal grant for fire hose, nozzles, and associated equipment and making the corresponding budget appropriation; or
- b. Amend, modify or reject above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A FEDERAL GRANT
AND DIRECTING A ONE TIME APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, the City is required to occasionally replace firefighting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Department submitted a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase replacement fire hose, nozzles, and associated equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City was notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency of its grant award in the amount of the \$114,652; and

WHEREAS, the Council previously authorized a base budget amount of \$13,000 for hose and nozzle replacement, consistent with the grant match requirement.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles as follows:

SECTION 1. Authorizes the acceptance of a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant in the amount of \$114,652.

SECTION 2. Approves one time budget appropriation as follows:

100-220-5212-150	\$114,652
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 5th day of July 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dennis Fansler, City Clerk