



## Council Agenda Report

**From:** Ken Johnson, ES Chief

**Subject:** Breathing air compressor replacement with Federal grant funds

**Date:** February 7, 2017

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### **Facts**

1. A breathing air compressor provides firefighters' air cylinders with a safe air supply in hazardous environments and is therefore a critical piece of service operation equipment.
2. The air compressor has been in use for over 22 years and is in need of replacement
3. The manufacturer's representative has recommended replacement due to condition and limited repair parts availability.
4. Repair and maintenance costs were \$14k over the last 4 years.
5. The City was awarded a FEMA grant of \$65,000 to replace the compressor.
6. The City issued a request for proposal (RFP) to determine lowest cost supplier.
7. Bauer Compressor was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at \$66,531.

### **Options**

1. Repair compressor as necessary until total failure occurs and determine replacement funding method;
2. Replace compressor with Federal grant funding and City match of 10%.

### **Analysis and Conclusions**

With the impending failure of the breathing air compressor, the department sought to fund its replacement through a Federal grant. The department was successful in its request. Accepting the grant and proceeding with replacement represents a \$65,000 cost avoidance to the City for a critical piece of equipment.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Funding for compressor replacement was allocated to next fiscal year's budget. The Equipment Replacement Fund balance is sufficient to move the purchase to the current fiscal year in order to take advantage of the grant funds now available. Fund impact is \$6,700 in the current fiscal year.

### **Recommendation**

Authorize acceptance of the FEMA grant; provide authority to spend that amount for its intended purpose in the current fiscal year; and award a bid contract to Bauer Compressor, Inc. in the amount of \$66,531.