



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council

DATE: November 14, 2013

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Resolution to Authorize City Participation by the City of Sandy Springs in a Regional Application Submission under the FY2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program to the Federal Emergency Management Agency

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the November 19, 2013, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

See attached:

Memorandum
Resolution

APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER: JMM APPROVED

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 11/19/2013

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: () YES () NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: JMM

REMARKS:



TO: John McDonough, City Manager

FROM: Eden Freeman, Assistant City Manager

DATE: November 14, 2013 for submission on the Agenda of the November 19, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting

ITEM: Consideration of Resolution to Authorize City Participation by the City of Sandy Springs in a Regional Application Submission under the FY2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Background

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently soliciting applications from eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and regional partners under the FY2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFG). The FY2013 AFG solicitation identifies communications as a Priority 1 equipment request, and high priority requests are considered those that fund first-time purchases to support an existing mission.

Discussion

At its November 5, 2013 meeting, the North Fulton Regional Radio Systems Authority approved the regional application submission to FEMA under the FY2013 AFG program, as a collaborative effort of the four member cities (Cities of Alpharetta, Milton, Roswell, and Sandy Springs). The grant solicitation requires an eligible fire department or nonaffiliated EMS organization to serve as a "host" applicant for the joint application, of which the City of Alpharetta has volunteered to serve. As the "host" applicant, the City of Alpharetta will distribute assets to each jurisdiction once received, as well as complete all other directives under the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program.

To support its current mission, the joint application will request support from FEMA for the purchase of the needed handheld radios for member cities' fire and EMS departments.

If awarded, each participating city is required to provide 10% of the cost for their jurisdiction's total radio request as matching funds.

Attachments

None.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS IN A REGIONAL APPLICATION SUBMISSION UNDER THE FY2013 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS PROGRAM TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency made available funding under the FY13 Assistance to Firefighters Grant; and

WHEREAS, such funds may be used to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel and to provide a continuum of support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all hazard events; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Alpharetta, Milton, Roswell, and Sandy Springs desire to submit a joint regional application as allowed under the program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alpharetta will be the lead applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Milton, Roswell, and Sandy Springs will provide relevant information and data to the City of Alpharetta in a reasonable time frame to allow for the submission of the application by the December 6, 2013, deadline; and

WHEREAS, the funding, if awarded, shall be utilized to purchase ASTRO 25 APX6000XE digital portable radios, or its acceptable equivalent, to complement the Unified System Radio project currently underway in North Fulton; and

WHEREAS, the match requirement for this project is 10% of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, each municipality will fund the 10% related of the cost for their jurisdiction's total radio request; and

WHEREAS, evidence authorizing the acceptance of said application must be provided.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT SO RESOLVED, this ____ day of November, 2013, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sandy Springs that the regional submission of the FY2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program application led by the City of Alpharetta is hereby approved; and if awarded the City of Alpharetta is hereby authorized to execute any award package with directives under the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2013.

CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA

By: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk