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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2008

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THRU: W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER *for WMP*
RICH DLUGAS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JEFF CLARK, FIRE CHIEF *JC*

FROM: TOM CARLSON, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF *TC*

SUBJECT: FY 2008 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends acceptance of \$419,130 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (Grant No. EMW-2008-FO-06918).

BACKGROUND: The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments to enhance their abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The primary goal is to provide assistance to meet fire departments' firefighting and emergency response needs. On December 5, 2008, the Chandler Fire Department was awarded \$419,130 to purchase 800 MHz digital radios. A City match of \$104,782 is required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The grant requires \$104,782 in matching funds. The Fire Department has sufficient funds in our FY 2008/09 budget (line item 470-2250-0000-6314-FI635) to meet the matching requirement. The Fire Department will request reimbursement from FEMA in the amount of \$419,130 once the project is completed.

PROPOSED MOTION: Move to accept the obligation of \$419,130 in 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the City of Chandler Fire Department.

Attachments:
Award Notification

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472



FEMA

Ms. Deborah Simpkins
Chandler Fire Department
P.O. Box 4008
Chandler, Arizona 85244-4008

Re: Grant No.EMW-2008-FO-06918

Dear Ms. Simpkins:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), I am pleased to inform you that your grant application submitted under the FY 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been approved. FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate, in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration, carries out the Federal responsibilities of administering your grant. The approved project costs total to \$523,912.00. The Federal share is 80 percent or \$419,130.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is 20 percent or \$104,782.00.

As part of your award package, you will find Grant Agreement Articles. Please make sure you read and understand the Articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your Grant award. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file. **You establish acceptance of the Grant and Grant Agreement Articles when you request and receive any of the Federal Grant funds awarded to you.** By accepting the grant, you agree not to deviate from the approved scope of work without prior written approval from DHS.

If your SF 1199A has been reviewed and approved, you will be able to request payments online. Remember, you should basically request funds when you have an immediate cash need (i.e. you have a bill in-hand that is due within 30 days).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the awards process or how to request your grant funds, please call the helpdesk at 1-866-274-0960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. David Paulison".

R. David Paulison
Administrator