



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to accept a grant award and enter into a contract the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$67,760 and designate the City Manager to sign the grant agreements. Funds for the award are available in the grants fund, fire administration, non-capital equipment (22022525-55690). There is a 10% matching requirement of \$6,776 which is the responsibility of Maricopa Community College and its Virtual Incident Command Center through Memorandums of Understanding. Matching funds are available in the general fund, fire operations, training (10022527-55570) Discussion and Action.

On 12/2/2014 the Mayor and City Council approved the submission of a grant application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG); a suite of competitive grants comprised of three interconnected programs (Operations and Safety, Vehicle Acquisition and Joint/Regional) for awarding direct financial assistance to fire departments, non-affiliated EMS organizations and state fire training academies.

The Maricopa Fire Department submitted an application for a joint training and education grant collaboration with Mesa Community College and the Virtual Incident Command Center as the host agency. On 8/14/2015 the Maricopa Fire Department received award notification from FEMA.

By entering into this joint education/training grant opportunity as the host agency not only benefits the Maricopa Fire Department through additional training/education opportunities at no cost through MCC and the VICC, but additionally offers these same opportunities to consortium partners consisting of, Mesa Fire and Medical, Scottsdale Fire, Sun Lakes Fire, Sun Lakes and Queen Creek Fire and Medical. By successfully obtaining this grant funding, the Maricopa Fire Department will emerge as the leader in the training/education area in Pinal County, as well as an equal to Mesa Fire and Phoenix Fire in Maricopa County.

The item will be presented by Brady Leffler, Fire Chief and John Storm, Assistant Fire Chief

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