

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of: September 9, 2015

To: Board of Directors

From: Mark Mills, Fire Chief

Subject: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Acknowledge the grant acceptance and authorize staff to utilize funds from the Contingency account (#6201), to complete required matching funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides several grant opportunities for local fire agencies; they include the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Fire Prevention and Safety Grant and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Since 2001, Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program has provided funding assistance to fire departments for firefighting and emergency response needs, including critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and other hazards.

Ross Valley Fire has been the recipient of three Assistance to Firefighters Grants. In 2002, the Department received a \$300,000 grant for a mobile live fire trainer; and in 2005, the Department received a \$186,000 grant for the installation of fire suppression sprinklers and alarm systems at the Department's three fire stations. In 2013, the Department received a grant for the replacement of all of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for \$308,716.

This past year staff filed two grant applications, one for the acquisition of a SCBA compressor that would be capable of filling the newly acquired cylinders to 6000 psi and a regional grant for the purchase of cardiac monitor/defibrillators. The department has been awarded the grant for the acquisition of the compressor and the defibrillator grant is still out for review.

DISCUSSION:

The compressor will be utilized to fill Department air cylinders and will also be available for mutual aid to surrounding agencies should they require compressed breathing air.

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The total grant request was for \$56,731 and will require a 10% applicant match. The hard match requires \$5157. The grant will provide for the installation of the new compressor and on-site training for its operation and maintenance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The compressor grant award is for \$51,574 and requires a 10% match of \$5157 which brings the total grant package to \$56,731. Staff recommends utilizing the Contingency account which contains \$30,000 to fund the 10% match of \$5157. This will leave a balance of \$22,742 in the Contingency account.