

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of: February 10, 2016

To: Board of Directors
From: Mark Mills, Fire Chief *MM*
Subject: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Acknowledge the grant acceptance and authorize staff to utilize funds from the Undesignated Reserve account to complete required matching funds.

DISCUSSION:

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, the 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 the past. In 2002, the Department received a \$300,000 grant for a mobile live fire trainer. 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 and in 2014 the Department received \$309,959 for the purchase of 34 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

This past year staff filed two grant applications, one for the acquisition of a SCBA air compressor and a regional grant for the purchase of cardiac monitor/defibrillators. The department was awarded the grant for the acquisition of the SCBA compressor and fill station that is compatible with the new SCBAs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The SCBA compressor grant award is for \$51,574 and requires a 10% Ross Valley Fire Department match. Staff recommends utilizing the undesignated reserve account which

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contains \$509,720 to fund the 10% match of \$5,157. This will leave a balance of \$504,563 in the Undesignated Reserve account.