



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Fire

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 18, 2022

Re: Appropriation of Funds for Fire Department Communication Equipment Purchase

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$250,000.00 from the General Fund into Fire Emergency Service for Communication Equipment.

Discussion

CFD requests to appropriate \$250,000.00 from the General Fund into the Fire Emergency Service Division for the purchase of additional communication equipment to replace the CFD fleet radio and portable radio units. Our current portable radios (utilized by firefighters for communication and safety on emergency scenes) were purchased in 2006. They have been discontinued and no longer have technical, software or mechanical support from the manufacturer. Based on our need, CFD was awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from FEMA in the amount of \$178,147.73. Since the grant was written and the department provided quotes for equipment prices, the result of COVID and economic changes have shown a drastic decrease in product availability, parts availability and increased production and shipping costs. The grant amount alone will not allow the department to replace the department's fleet and portable radios. CFD requests the appropriation to allow for the FEMA matching funds required and to complete the replacement of our mobile and portable radios.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$250,000.00

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

Date	Action
9/20/2021	R152-21 Acceptance of FEMA AFG grant funds for CFD communication equipment purchase.

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to appropriate the funds.