

## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval of a resolution, submission of an application for funding of the purchase of emergency response and rescue equipment utilizing a U.S. Department of Homeland Security, State Homeland Security Program - Regular Projects Grant for Program Year 2022, and authorization for the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to this grant.

**BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:**

The New Braunfels City Council strategic priorities include using a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs. If approved by Council, Staff will submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, State Homeland Security Program - Regular Projects Grant for Program Year 2022 for the purchase of emergency response and rescue equipment for the New Braunfels Fire Department (NBFD).

The grant application requests funding for the purchase of an air lifting bag kit which allows for emergency personnel to safely and quickly apply maximum lifting force to heavy objects in low clearance situations; and two military-professional inflatable boats that will allow for crews to rapidly maneuver dangerous water conditions to assist injured and stranded victims in the City's two major rivers and other local large bodies of water. The equipment will support NBFD and other regional agencies by allowing expedited emergency responses to a variety of man-made and natural events and hazards.

If permitted by City Council, Staff will submit a grant application for a total amount of \$71,250. The granting agency will provide funds for 100% of the total amount therefore, there is no City-match requirement. If approved by the granting agency, the anticipated award timeframe is by September 2021.

Additionally, Staff is requesting City Council approval of a resolution, as required by the granting agency, that will authorize our City Manager to act as the authorized official on behalf of the City in all matters related to this grant. The designated authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <b>Strategic Priority</b> | Use a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs. |
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no City-match requirement for this grant.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of a resolution, submission of an application for funding of the purchase of emergency response and rescue equipment utilizing a U.S. Department of Homeland Security, State Homeland Security Program - Regular Projects Grant for Program Year 2022, and authorization for the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to this grant.