

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution; a ratification of the submission of an application for funding of the purchase of emergency response and rescue equipment utilizing a U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative - Regular Projects grant for Program Year 2021; 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. As such, Staff recently submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative - Regular Projects program for Program Year 2021 for the purchase of equipment for the New Braunfels Fire Department (NBFD).

The grant application submitted on behalf of NBFD is 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; a technical rescue kit with industrial struts to stabilize the heavy objects during rescue efforts; 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.

City staff has submitted a grant application for a total amount of \$87,000. The granting agency will provide funds for 100% of the total amount therefore, there is no City-match requirement.

If approved, the grant will be awarded by September 2020.

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:

Yes	Strategic Priorities	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 the approval of a resolution; a ratification of the submission of an application for funding of the purchase of emergency response and rescue equipment utilizing a U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative - Regular Projects grant for Program Year 2021; and authorization for the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to this grant.