

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM IV



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting, September 8, 2015

From: Kevin LaChapelle, Fire Chief

Subject: For the Franklin City Council to schedule a public hearing on September --, 2015 reference Resolution 02-16, acceptance of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

Recommending motion:

1. Councilor moves: "I move that the Franklin City Council schedule public hearing 02-16 on September --, 2015 to discuss the acceptance of FEMA AFG funds in the amount of \$129,524."
2. Mayor asks a second, discussion, and calls the vote.

Background:

As presented in the FY'16 budget process by Chief LaChapelle, the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's/Airpacks) maintain a vital role in firefighter safety and survival. The current SCBA's are thirteen years old and in deplorable condition due to frequent usage at incidents and training. With valiant effort, a second attempt to obtain federal funding was sought out by writing a FEMA AFG to assist in the purchase in the much needed replacement of our City's SCBA's. Through great TEAM efforts and Congressional support, Chief LaChapelle was notified on July 23, 2015 that the City of Franklin was awarded our first FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant after six previous attempts.

Fiscal Impact:

Total estimated cost for SCBA replacement and related safety equipment= \$192,000

Alternatives:

The alternative is for the City of Franklin to bare the entire cost of SCBA replacement through the Fire Department Operating Budget.

RESOLUTION #02-16

A Resolution Relating to the authorization for the City of Franklin to accept and appropriate grant monies received for the purchase of air packs in the Fire Department.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2016 which began July 1, 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin understands that the 26 air packs at the Fire Department have deteriorated to the point of needing replacement, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges during budget hearings for the FY16 budget proposal, Fire Chief LaChapelle addressed the air packs and explained that the City had submitted a FEMA (AFG) Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for the air packs which was still under review and that the FY16 budget included the first lease payment for air packs which could be used toward the City's match for the grant if awarded, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council understands that the grant has been awarded to the Fire Department in the amount of \$129,524 for 20 air packs with a 5% match (\$6,476), and

WHEREAS, the City Council understands that the City match will be funded and remaining 8 air packs will be purchased by the City out of City funds previously appropriated in resolution 01-16, and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to accept and appropriate the grant funding, Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on _____, September _____, 2015, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 02-16 authorizing the City of Franklin to accept \$129,524 in grant funding from FEMA and authorizing the following non lapsing appropriations:

An increase in revenues,

Federal Grant – FEMA Account No. 01-2-201-33110-000 – One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four (\$129,524.00),

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And an increase in expenditure account,

Capital Equipment-Suppression Account No. 01-2-201-40740-000 – One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four (\$129,524.00),

for the grant portion of funding for air packs and authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documentation of same.

By a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilor Barton	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Boyd	_____	Councilor Giunta	_____
Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Starkweather	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Wells	_____
Councilor Dzujna	_____		

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Katie A. Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____