

**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Submission of grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for Division of Fire and Emergency Services

Request: Request Council authorization to submit application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program requesting federal funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 to replace/purchase 350 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs).

Why are you requesting? The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA) for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

The purpose of this project is to upgrade the current Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) to the X3 Pro 5.5. This upgrade is based on the recommendations outlined by the National Fire Protection Association. Currently the Lexington Fire Department's SCBAs are two standards behind and will be three standards behind when the newest standard is released in June. This upgrade is necessary to keep current with NFPA standards. The X3 Pro 5.5 comes with 10-year warranty, which will cover all maintenance and repair during said period reducing the Department's out of pocket expense which averages \$60,000 per year.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? There is no cost at this time.

Are funds budgeted: There is no budgetary impact at this time. Funds will be budgeted once awarded.

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Director/Commissioner: Chilton/Bastin

