

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-\_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A  
2018 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT  
APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, provides grant funding in accordance with Section 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention Act of 1974, as amended, 15 U.S.C. Section 2229, with the purpose of enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments; and

WHEREAS, such funding would provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability and support community resilience for the City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the Vineland fire Department is in need of replacing a 1990 ladder truck which has reached its life expectancy with a new 107 foot straight stick single axle ladder at a cost of \$1,170,000.00 to better serve the community as well as a need to purchase 137 sets of PPE which are now out of compliance with NFPA standards at a cost of \$443,880.00, with the City being responsible for 20% for the total grant award and both of which meet the need requirements of the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Mayor or his assignee, Chief Luigi Tramontana, is authorized to execute the application for the 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a new 107 foot straight stick axle ladder in the amount of \$1,170,000.00 and 137 sets of PPE in the amount of \$443,880.00 with the City providing 20% of the cost thereof.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk



# *Vineland*

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Richard Franchetta  
*Director of Fire*

Luigi Tramontana Jr.  
*Chief of Department*

Date: January 24, 2018

To: Bob Dickenson  
Business Administrator

From: Chief Luigi Tramontana Jr  
Vineland Fire Department

Re: 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Bob,

This letter outlines the projects that the Fire Department will apply for under the 2018 AFG grants program which require matching funds and adoption by resolution.

### **APPARATUS ACQUISITION**

We intend to request funds to replace a 1990 ladder truck (LT1) with a new 107' straight stick single axle ladder. Based on recent cost estimates from several vendors, we would need \$1,170,000.00 to purchase this replacement apparatus with equipment. There is an 80% / 20% cost share under this program based on the population of the city. If funded, the grant award would be \$936,000 with a 20% local match of \$234,000.00. It has been discussed and I would like to use the funds in our capital budget set aside for the purchase of vehicles. The remainder of that fund will still be used for the purchase of vehicles but the total plan will need to be adjusted in the next capital request. If we are awarded this grant we will then be able to change our plan for replacements and still be on schedule. This will only change what we will purchase first and will save the city the \$936,000.00 for the replacement of LT1.

### **PPE(Personal Protective Equipment)**

We intend to request funds to purchase 137 sets of PPE to replace PPE that is now out of compliance per NFPA. Projected costs to replace the PPE out of compliance is \$443,880.00. There is a required 80% / 20% grant match based on the population of the City of Vineland. The federal portion of the grant request would be \$355,104.00 with a 20% match from the city of \$88,776. It has been discussed and I would like to use the funds in our capital budget set aside for the purchase of turn out gear. The grant will be used to replace the gear that is now out of compliance and the capital for the gear that will be out of compliance in the coming years. This will allow us to spread out the purchase of gear over numerous years.



# VINELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

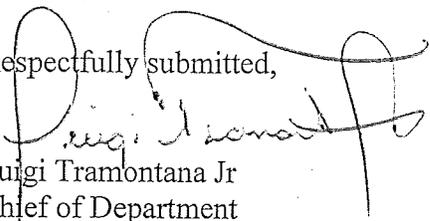


Presently we are confident we can spread these purchases out over the next two to three years and reduce the amount needed to be purchased at one time in the future as it end of life use approaches. The amount requested in the capital did not take into consideration everything that was out of compliance and was considerably underfunded.

The grant was opened on January 8, 2018 and the deadline to submit is February 2, 2018. As in the last request we have enlisted the services of TRIAD Associates to assist Lt Feaster in properly completing the grant application. With your approval I would need to submit an application to city council for the January 30, 2018 meeting. Your quick response to this request is needed. Should you have any questions regarding these two proposals, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank You

Respectfully submitted,

  
Luigi Tramontana Jr  
Chief of Department  
Vineland Fire Department

c: Mayor Anthony Fanucci  
Bob Dickenson, Business Administrator  
Susan Baldosaro, Finance Director  
Richard Franchetta, Director of Fire