



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Accept and Appropriate Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$24,999.00) in Grant Funds Awarded to Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue by the Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2017 Port Security Grant Program

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this grant is to purchase marine crew cold weather exposure suit ensembles to replace and expand the aging exposure suit ensembles currently in use by the Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue (HDFR) Marine Team. The cold weather exposure suit ensembles allow marine crews from the HDFR to operate marine vessels during adverse weather conditions. Hampton Roads' unpredictable weather typically becomes hazardous to responder safety from October to April due to normal water and air temperature declines. The marine crew cold weather exposure suits include inner layer protection, personal flotation device, non-slip boots, and gloves. The cold weather exposure suit ensembles will enhance foul weather marine response capabilities of the HDFR.

Discussion:

The Department of Homeland Security FY 2017 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) provides \$100,000,000 to provide funds to port authorities, facility operators, and State and local agencies required to provide security services to implement Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and facility security plans. The FY 2017 PSGP plays an important role in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal (the Goal) of a secure and resilient Nation. Delivering core capabilities requires the combined effort of the whole community, rather than the exclusive effort of any single organization or level of government. This initiative supports the Community Plan 2011 Update Public Safety Goal 3 "Hampton will improve the record of public safety success by providing services as reflected in appropriate public safety standards."

The grant stipulates a performance period and budget period from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2020; however, all funds granted are currently available and will fully be expended in the current fiscal year.

Impact:

\$24,999.00

Recommendation:

Approve.

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue a Port Security Grant in the amount of \$24,999.00;

WHEREAS, the grant does not require the City of Hampton to commit matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant award is to purchase Personal Protective Equipment exposure suit ensembles for marine vessel crew members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia accepts and appropriates to the Grant Fund for use by the Division of Fire & Rescue, DHS grant funds in the amount of \$24,999.00, and any supplemental funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take the necessary actions to implement this grant award.