



## LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Brian Robinson, Interim City Manager

**THRU:** Richard E. Stover, Fire Chief

**DATE:** December 19, 2024

**RE:** Consideration of submitting an application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (grant period of 2024) for an air compressor for Station 7; and authorize an allocation from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance not to exceed \$6,574 as the City's required match, if awarded.

### SUMMARY:

Fire Rescue is requesting authorization to submit a proposal under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) opportunity. The submission will be under the category of Operation and Safety and is for an Air Compressor for Station 7. If awarded, the grant would cover the cost of \$65,737 for the Air Compressor. The total purchase price would be \$72,311.00 with a required 10% match from the City of \$6,574.00 if awarded. Fire Rescue requests to use \$6,574 from undesignated funds to cover the match.

Fire Rescue needs to purchase an air compressor for Station 7. This is a critical piece of equipment that allows the department to re-fill air cylinders used on 911 calls. The call volume in this area has increased with growth and from that the call load has increased as well. As Palm Bay continues to be developed, the need increases for emergency services to provide for quicker response times for the safety of all residents in the City. As of October 2024, there are approximately 142,701 residents in Palm Bay. This is an increase of approximately 6,642 residents from October of 2023. This growth in population impacts the services provided by the Fire Rescue Department. This additional growth will naturally further impact call volume necessitating quicker turnaround time to service equipment.

In addition, our increase in calls shows a rise in demand for a compressor to be located at Station 7 to meet these needs. Other stations will benefit from the purchase and placement of this compressor due to its location.

**REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:**

Fire Rescue

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If awarded, the fiscal impact would be \$6,574 and would be transferred from the General Fund undesignated fund balance to the Fire Rescue budget.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion to 1) authorize Palm Bay Fire Rescue to submit a grant application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the 2024 period for an Air Compressor; 2) authorize an allocation from the General Fund not to exceed \$6,574 as the City's required match if the grant is awarded; and 3) authorize the City Manager to sign any necessary grant related documents.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Grant Information
2. Quote