

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARD

SOURCE: Fire Department

COMMENT: The Porterville Fire Department submitted a grant proposal/application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security requesting funding for providing nine (9) training courses during 2013, utilizing the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Training and Education System. On December 28, 2012, the Fire Department received notice of award for this grant, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, in the amount of \$23,600.

If Council approves the acceptance of this grant, each of the courses will be held at the Fire Department's Regional Training Facility with enrollment open to firefighters throughout the State of California. Courses offered will range from the Chief Officer, Fire Officer, and Driver Operator curriculum. The project cost for these training courses is \$29,500. The Federal share of the grant award is 80% of the project cost, or \$23,600, and the local share is 20%, or \$5,900. Funds required for the local share are available in the Fire Department's training expense budget account.


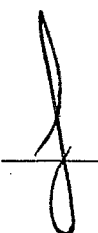
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

- 1) Accept the Assistance to Firefighters Grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$23,600;
- 2) Authorize the use of the local 20% share (\$5,900) from the Fire Department's training expense budget account; and
- 3) Authorize a budget adjustment to reflect the addition of \$23,600 to the Fire Department budget.

ATTACHMENT: Award Letter

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Item No. 8.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472



FEMA

Mr. Glenn Irish
Porterville Fire Department
40 W. Cleveland
Porterville, California 93257-3649

Re: Grant No.EMW-2012-FO-00346

Dear Mr. Irish:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), I am pleased to inform you that your grant application submitted under the FY 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been approved. FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), carries out the Federal responsibilities of administering your grant. The approved project costs total to \$29,500.00. The Federal share is 80 percent or \$23,600.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is 20 percent or \$5,900.00.

As part of your award package, you will find Grant Agreement Articles. Please make sure you read and understand the Articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your grant award. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file. **You establish acceptance of the grant and Grant Agreement Articles when you formally receive the award through the AFG online system.** By accepting the grant, you agree not to deviate from the approved scope of work without prior written approval from FEMA.

If your SF 1199A has been reviewed and approved, you will be able to request payments online. Remember, you should request funds when you have an immediate cash need.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the awards process or how to request your grant funds, please call the helpdesk at 1-866-274-0960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy W. Manning".

Timothy W. Manning
Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness and Protection