

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 11, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

VIA: Jane Le Clainche, CPA Finance Director

FROM: Dean Mealy, CPPO Town Purchasing Manager

RE: Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Seventy-Two Pairs of Gloves for Fire Rescue Utilizing a Grant Request in the Amount of \$3,780 which has a Thirty Percent Match Requirement of \$1,620, **Resolution No. 043-2021**

DATE: April 28, 2021

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve the purchase of seventy-two pairs of gloves for Fire Rescue utilizing a grant request in the amount of \$3,780 which has a thirty percent match requirement of \$1,620.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Palm Beach Fire Rescue is committed to reduce the amount of cancer-causing chemicals that their firefighters are exposed to in the course of their work by providing them with modern protective gear to wear while fighting fires, and modern gear washing machines to clean contaminants from their gear before they wear it to the next emergency. Palm Beach Fire Rescue will use this funding to purchase 72 sets of firefighting gloves for personal protection during firefighting operations. The department currently issues each firefighter with one set of protective gear, however following firefighter operations, issued gloves must be used until the end of the shift when items can be washed. Because the gloves that are issued become soiled following each incident, grant funding will allow the department to immediately wash gloves, thus replacing with a clean set for the remainder of the shift. Funding of this grant for the purchase of this item represents a significant step forward in the ongoing cancer prevention efforts at Palm Beach Fire Rescue Department.

Equipping the firefighters with new gloves and enhancing the ability to wash their gear once it is contaminated is a tremendous benefit to the firefighters, their families, and the collective safety of our community. Palm Beach fire Rescue has an allocated budget of \$57,000, which funds the yearly purchase of uniforms and PPE, including; Firefighter bunker coat, pants, helmets, hoods, gloves, issued daily uniforms, uniform boots, hats, belts, bags and linens. The yearly budget allows for the limited replacement of Firefighter PPE as it is damaged, however cannot fund the replacement requested from this grant. The department has a yearly budget of \$24,000 for matching grant funds as grants are approved. This grant will be the first grant applied for this fiscal year, therefore funding the matching portion.

PROCUREMENT METHODOGLY

Town Purchasing will purchase the gloves utilizing an established contract upon approval of the grant request funding.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The expense and revenue for this item will all be recorded in the General Fund.

FIRE RESCUE REVIEW

This item has been reviewed by the Fire Rescue and approved as recommended.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This format has been utilized by the Town in previous recommendations and was approved by the Town Attorney.

cc: Darrel Donatto, Fire Rescue Chief
Jimmy Duane, Assistant Fire Chief