

SUBJECT: 2014 HSGP (HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM)

SOURCE: FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: The Fire Department applied for a Homeland Security Grant in May of 2014 and received award documents in December of 2014. The grant provides \$32,952 in federal reimbursement funds with no local match requirement.

Grant funds will reimburse the department for the purchase of:

- Five (5) Automated External Defibrillators, \$15,142
- Two (2) or more Thermal Imaging Cameras, \$17,810

The department has three automated external defibrillators that are obsolete and are no longer supported by the manufacturer for maintenance and repairs. This grant will replace the three obsolete units and add two additional defibrillators into inventory for use on emergency vehicles stationed at the new Public Safety Facility.

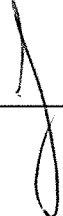
The grant also funds thermal imaging cameras used for search and rescue of fire victims. The department operates two thermal cameras purchased in 2004 through an Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Both are functional but significantly limited when compared to currently available technology. The Homeland Security grant requires that the department purchase at least two thermal cameras with the grant funds awarded. Based on quotes already received, the department is confident it can exceed the grant minimum and acquire three or four thermal cameras. This would provide a direct replacement for existing cameras at fire stations one and two, and at least one additional camera for fire station three.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the City Council

- 1) Accept the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Award;
- 2) Authorize the City Manager and Fire Chief to sign grant documents required within 90 days of receipt; and

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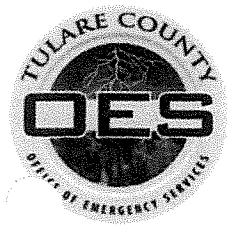
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3) Authorize staff to negotiate the purchase of equipment, using funds from the "firefighting and rescue equipment" replacement fund, not to exceed \$32,952, to be reimbursed by 2014 HSGP grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS: Award Letter



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September 30, 2014

Mr. Glenn S. Irish
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Dear Chief Irish,

Please accept this letter as the official award notice for Porterville Fire Department from the FY14 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), which allows for the expenditure of funds. A summary of your award status follows:

- **Project E** – Enhance Catastrophic Incident Response: \$15,142 for the purchase of five (5) Automated External Defibrillators.
- **Project F** – Enhance Catastrophic Incident Response: \$17,810 for the purchase of two (2) ISG X380 Thermal Cameras.

See the attached Grant Award Workbook page for the approved equipment and corresponding AEL number (s). You are only allowed to purchase equipment listed on this workbook.

All invoices must be dated between September 1, 2014 and April 30, 2016 for your purchases to be eligible for reimbursement by Tulare County OES. Tulare County OES requests that all required documentation be submitted by April 30, 2016 to ensure sufficient time to process your paperwork.

The CFDA number for this Grant is 97-067. Requests for reimbursement should be submitted to:

Office of Emergency Services
Tulare County HHSA
5957 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, California 93277

If you have any questions, please contact me at (559) 624-7498, or by e-mail at a-lockman@tularehhsa.org.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Lockman".

Andrew Lockman
Emergency Services Manager

Enclosure (1)