

Analysis

Item 45: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

Assistance to Firefighters

Analyst: Julie Neburka

Request: Increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$325,955 for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Analysis: The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) has received \$325,955 in grant funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. These funds will be used to replace the agency's 1987 commercial chassis water tender truck. The new vehicle will carry 3,000 gallons of water, pump 1,000 gallons per minute, and comply with National Fire Protection Association standards for fire apparatus. Grant funds will also be spent to equip the vehicle and to purchase a second set of firefighter safety gear for the agency's fire training staff. This grant has a 15% match requirement, and the agency has identified and set aside the required match amount of \$48,893 within its existing budget.

DPSST's grant application was submitted on February 2, 2018. Grant submittal was approved, retroactively, during the 2018 legislative session, after timely ten-day notification to the Legislature. The grant was awarded on August 25th, 2018, and funds must be spent within twelve months of receipt. This grant may only be spent on equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), and vehicle acquisition.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation: Increase the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$325,955 in the 2017-19 biennium for expenditure of the award.

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Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
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Request: Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$325,955 for expenditures supporting the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) awarded to the Department.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: During the February 2018 Legislative Session, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) was authorized to apply retroactively for the 2017 AFG grant under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. DPSST was successful and has been awarded \$325,955. The grant funds will be used to purchase a new commercial chassis water tender in order to comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1901 for fire apparatus. The grant will also cover related firefighting equipment for the vehicle such as hose, hand tools and firefighter safety gear.

There is a required grant match of 15 percent, or \$48,893. DPSST would repurpose Other Funds training dollars currently in the Fire Training Program's 2017-19 Legislatively Approved Budget. This is a one-time grant for equipment purchases with long-term lifespans and the grant must be implemented within 12 months of the date of award. The Department was notified of the award on August 16, 2018. The grant performance will be complete upon expenditure.

Legal Reference: Increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 583, section 3, Oregon Laws 2017, for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training by \$325,955 for the 2017-19 biennium.



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The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
State Emergency Board
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is requesting an increase in Federal Funds Limitation in the amount of \$325,955 from the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Agency Action

During the February, 2018 legislative session, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means authorized DPSST to apply for a grant from the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$325,955.

The goal of this grant will be achieved by replacing the current 1987 GMC commercial chassis water tender with a new commercial chassis water tender. This vehicle would carry 3,000 gallons of water, have a 1,000 gallon per minute pump, and will comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1901 for Fire Apparatus. The grant request would also include funds for related firefighting equipment for the vehicle such as hose, hand tools, and firefighter safety gear.

Action Requested

DPSST requests that the Emergency Board increase DPSST's Federal Fund limitation of \$325,955. The agency has located the equipment and completed the preliminary procurement activities and set aside the required 15% match of \$48,893.

Legislation Affected

Increase Federal Fund appropriation established by House Bill 5006, for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, by \$325,955 for the 2017-19 biennium.

Sincerely,

Eriks Gabliks
Director