

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: February 8, 2021

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager
William L. Mayo, Fire Chief

Council Action Requested:
Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Department of Homeland Security for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community
Strategic Objective: No
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The Fire Department seeks authorization to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to purchase updated portable radios.

The Fire Department has 85 portable radios that are not capable of the upgrade necessary to transmit and receive on the City/County Public Safety Radio System after it is upgraded as part of the 2018 Bond Projects.

It is estimated the radios and accessories will cost \$773,698.60. The 2020 AFG guidance requires a 10% match for municipalities the size of Winston-Salem. This request is for authorization to apply for an AFG by February 12, 2021, with a local match requirement in the amount of \$77,369.86. The funds match will come from the Public Safety Radio Communications System portion of the 2018 GO Bonds Issuance.

If the City is awarded the funds, they will be made available after fall of this year. A budget amendment will be brought to City Council for approval at that time.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 2/8/2021 Public Safety 2/8/2021	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks: