

## Information Item

**Date:** February 14, 2022

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

**From:** Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager  
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**Subject:**  
Presentation on Application for Fire Prevention and Safety Grant

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community

**Strategic Objective:** Yes

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



Winston-Salem Fire Department is applying for a Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant to fund a community risk reduction program. A community risk assessment identified areas of our community that are at the highest risk of fire along with the challenges the people in the community face – specifically education, disability, income, net worth, median income, and poverty levels. Addressing poverty and its impacts on fire safety are a challenge to any community. WSFD and community partners will approach this challenge with a program that takes its structure from South Carolina's "Get Alarmed, South Carolina"; "**Get Alarmed, Winston-Salem!**" This community risk reduction plan will focus on life safety education programs and a smoke alarm installation program.

It is estimated that the equipment and materials will cost \$40,075. The 2021 FP&S guidance requires a 5% match; a local match requirement would not exceed \$2,003.75.

The application period runs from January 18, 2022, through February 18, 2022, and notifications of award are expected in the summer of 2022. If funding is awarded, a budget amendment will be brought to the City Council for approval.