



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 16, 2012**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution authorizing the acceptance and execution of an Assistance to Firefighters Grant award by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Award Number EMW-2012-FO-01346; and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Annual Budget to recognize as revenue the grant award and a ten percent grant match from General Fund reserves, and to appropriate such funds to cover the project expenditures.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Grant Program Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is to enhance, through financial assistance, the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and fire-related hazards.

The scope of the project provides for an enhanced Computer-Aided Dispatch system that vocalizes the 9-1-1 dispatch in a clear neutral voice, while simultaneously providing station alerting and mobile dispatching of emergency response crews. The approved total project cost is \$303,790 of which the federal share is 90% or \$273,411 of the approved amount; the City of Coral Gables’ share is 10% or \$30,379.

As part of the award package, and in order to qualify for and receive the grant, the City of Coral Gables must officially accept the grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program’s online system. Acceptance must be made no later than October 26, 2012.

A budget amendment is required to recognize as revenue the \$273,411 grant award and the \$30,379 grant match from General Fund reserves, and to appropriate the total amount of \$303,790 to cover the project expenditures.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

| No. | Amount | Account No. | Source of Funds |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | \$ 273,411 | | AFG – FEMA, Financial Services Branch |
| 2. | \$ 30,379 | | General Fund Reserves |
| Total: | \$ 303,790 | APPROVED BY: | |

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| Department Director | City Attorney | City Manager |
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ATTACHMENT (S):

- 1. Draft Resolution
- 2. FEMA Award Package
- 3. AFG Application