



Urbana Fire Rescue Services

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 2, 2001
TO: Bruce Walden, CAO
FROM: Rex Mundt, Fire Chief
RE: FEMA Fire Act Grant

ISSUE:

I am please to announce Urbana Fire Rescue Services has been selected to receive an award under FEMA's Fire Act Grant. FEMA has informed us that if accepted, we will receive an award of \$38,803, with the City of Urbana's share of the program being \$4,311.50.

BACKGROUND:

This is the first year of a new congressional effort to support the fire service, and our various public safety efforts. In the initial year of this grant, \$100 million was allocated and disbursed. Urbana Fire Rescue was fortunate to be one of only 1,800 fire departments throughout the United States that were recognized as having programs that merited support. During the process over 19,000 grant applications were submitted. Urbana Fire submitted two grant requests, the first being for equipment for our Technical Rescue Program; and second, funding to support two of our public education endeavors.

AWARDS / PROGRAMS:

Through a peer review process FEMA decided to award our grant request for our Risk Watch and Fire Extinguisher Training programs.

RISK WATCH:

We are quite proud of being selected as a pilot project for NFPA and the State of Illinois's Risk Watch program. Risk Watch is a comprehensive injury prevention curriculum designed to reduce and eliminate preventable injuries to children in preschool through grade 8. With the cooperation of some dedicated teachers in our school system, supported by personnel from fire, police, and emergency medical services; it is our goal to reduce the number of deaths and injuries to our children. The number one health risk to children under the age of 14 is injuries. With the proper education, children can learn to be much safer and prevent injuries. Our program is under a three-year pilot, with a goal of becoming a regular part of the curriculum in 60 classrooms by 2003. With or without the grant we successfully achieved our first year goal of 20 classrooms. This award aids in covering support materials and overhead costs that would have had to been solicited from the community. Our budget does address staff costs that this award will help offset.

Total program cost for three years: \$30,940

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING:

Urbana Fire prides itself in the quality and quantity of programs we provide to our community in fire extinguisher training. Our grant award addresses a new program based on the training of the nursing staff of our local nursing homes and the teachers in our local schools. An essential part of the program is the purchase of a new Liquid Propane fueled (LPG) fire extinguisher/simulator. It is with this new simulator that we improve the level of safety for our participants and our firefighters who serve as instructors. This award enables us to purchase the LP fueled simulator and 25 portable fire extinguishers.

Total program cost: \$12,175

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is staff's recommendation the city accept FEMA's FIRE ACT grant award.

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-10-125

AN ORDINANCE
REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE
(FEMA Fire Grant)

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Ordinance of and for the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, (the "Annual Budget Ordinance") has been duly adopted according to sections 8-2-9.1 et seq. of the Illinois Municipal Code (the "Municipal Code") and Division 2, entitled "Budget", of Article VI, entitled "Finances and Purchases", of Chapter 2, entitled "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois (the "City Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the said City of Urbana finds it necessary to revise said Annual Budget Ordinance by deleting, adding to, changing or creating sub-classes within object classes and object classes themselves; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to effectuate the purpose of such revision; and

WHEREAS, such revision is not one that may be made by the Budget Director under the authority so delegated to the Budget Director pursuant to section 8-2-9.6 of the Municipal Code and section 2-133 of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Annual Budget Ordinance be and the same is hereby revised to provide as follows:

FUND:	Vehicle and Equipment Replacement
AMOUNT:	\$38,803
ADD REVENUE:	FEMA Grant
ADD EXPENSE:	Materials & Training, Risk Watch Program \$27,846
ADD EXPENSE:	Extinguisher Training Simulator \$10,957

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval and shall not be published.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the corporate authorities then holding office, the "ayes" and "nays" being called at a regular meeting of said Council.