



Urbana Fire Rescue Services

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request for Budget Amendment – IEMA/ITTF Grant Award

DATE: July 1, 2005
TO: Bruce Walden, CAO
FROM: Rex Mundt, Fire Chief
CC: Ron Eldridge, Comptroller

Background:

As members of the State of Illinois's statewide emergency response plan, Urbana Fire Rescue was eligible for the 2004 Illinois Emergency Management Agency/ Illinois Terrorism Task Force (IEMA/ITTF) Regional grant program. In May of 2004 we submitted an application, which included both an enhanced tow truck and trailer package, along with a hydraulic concrete saw system. The vehicle request was based on the continuing demand placed on our Technical Rescue Team (TRT) to carry more, and heavier equipment, and our inability to meet this demand within our current capabilities. Over the past three (3) years the State of Illinois has provided our TRT program with over \$100,000 of equipment. This area of emergency services continues to grow, and the types of emergencies such rescue teams must address are extremely broad and demanding. Due to this, the ability of our original tow truck and trailer package to transport the growing equipment cache has been exceeded. The concrete saw portion of the grant application was approved earlier in 2004. Recently, we received final approval to move forward with the purchase of the new tow truck and trailer package which is not to exceed \$88,000.

Issue:

Under the IEMA/ITTF grant program the city is required to purchase the vehicle package and then submit application for reimbursement. This process requires the city to pass an ordinance authorizing a budget amendment addressing the expenditures and subsequent grant revenue. The grant award provides for 100% reimbursement to the city for expenditures up to, but not exceeding, \$88,000.

Budgetary Impact:

The original purchase price of the tow truck and trailer is limited to \$88,000, which is fully reimbursable by the grant. With a projected life expectancy of 15 years the long term impact to the Vehicle and Equipment Fund for scheduled replacement is an annual charge of approximately \$6,000.

Recommendation:

I am recommending the passage of the attached ordinance authorizing the fire department to move forward with the purchase of the new tow truck and trailer. Without these new vehicles, we will not be in a position to fully deploy our TRT team to a state level emergency, and as such, we must consider removing ourselves from the statewide emergency response plan, and return the provided equipment.

Respectfully submitted:

Rex R. Mundt, Fire Chief

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-07-089

**AN ORDINANCE
REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE
(Fire Rescue Truck & Trailer)**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Ordinance of and for the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, (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 be and the same is hereby revised to provide as follows:

FUND:	Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund	
ADD EXPENSE	Fire Rescue Truck & Trailer	\$88,000
ADD REVENUE:	State Grant	\$88,000

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.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel L. Prussing, Mayor