

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: GRANT FUNDED PURCHASE ORDER AWARD – SELF  
CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance and Fire Departments that the Council, by resolution, approve the bid award and issuance of a purchase order for one hundred and twelve (112) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus units (SCBAs) and eight (8) additional SCBA face pieces to the lowest responsible bidder, Bauer Compressors, Inc. of Norfolk, VA, in the total amount not to exceed \$726,188.54. This is a grant funded purchase authorized under Consent Item 12.4 at the November 15, 2016 City Council Meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This purchase of required safety equipment will bring the Fire Department's SCBAs and associated gear up to current standards, outfit all firefighters with gear, and will provide essential equipment replacement.

BACKGROUND

The SCBA is an integral part of a firefighter's safety equipment. SCBA devices are worn by firefighters to provide breathable air while firefighting to keep them safe from being exposed to carcinogens and products of combustion. SCBAs protect a firefighter's airway and allows him or her to breath in environments that are Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH). Some examples of IDLH environments are the superheated air encountered inside structure fires, the toxic or poisonous gases firefighters are exposed to at hazardous materials incidents or the deadly low levels of oxygen found in confined space rescue situations. Current gear is composed of aging SCBA units, which are no longer supported by the manufacturer, and will eventually fail to comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) industry standards as the manufacturer is discontinuing production of maintenance and replacement parts.

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Recognizing the need for replacement of aging SCBA equipment, the Fire Department applied for and received a 2016 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant totaling \$757,550. The Grant funding accounts for 90% of the funding for this purchase with the City contribution of a 10% cost share.

This procurement includes the following equipment: one hundred and twelve (112) SCBAs that include a face piece and eight (8) additional SCBA face pieces which will provide enough units to issue correctly sized face pieces to all personnel. This procurement brings equipment up to NFPA current standards, and provides every firefighter the benefit of the standard features now available in the latest edition SCBAs. These benefits will be passed on to the community by providing dependable equipment necessary for rapid and effective fire attack and rescue operations.

### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

### ANALYSIS

On February 23, 2018, Invitation for Bid (IFB) 18-36 for the purchase of SCBA units was opened by the Purchasing Agent. Of the 54 vendors notified, six vendors downloaded the bid documents, and one response was received which was reviewed and deemed responsive and responsible to the bid requirements. The responsive and responsible bid received was from Bauer Compressors, Norfolk, VA, in the amount of \$726,188.54.

### FISCAL IMPACT

This purchase will be funded with a FEMA AFG Grant award of \$757,550, covering 90% of the purchase, with the City contributing a 10% cost share a grant requirement. Since the bid came in under the total amount of the grant, the cost share to the City is less than anticipated. The cost breakdown for the \$726,188.54 purchase is \$660,172 FEMA funding with a City contribution of \$66,017. There are sufficient funds in the SFRD budget appropriations, appropriated over several years, to cover the 10% matching funds of \$66,017 required for this purchase.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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