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Prepared By: Brad Windsor, Assistant Fire Chief *BW*

Agenda Item No. **I-12**

Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]*

City Attorney *[Signature]*

Finance *[Signature]*

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DATE: November 17, 2011

TO: City Council

FROM: Michael O'Malia, Interim Fire Chief  
Fire Department

*Michael O'Malia*

**SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit an Application for Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the Amount of \$3,354,067.04**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for \$3,354,067.04 in Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance (FEMA) grant funds, to be used to increase the number of firefighting personnel.

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Oxnard is eligible to submit a grant application with FEMA for consideration of federal funds for \$3,354,067.04. Fire Departments are eligible to apply to the 2011 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grants to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. FEMA grants are awarded on a yearly basis.

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) from FEMA were created to provide funding directly to fire departments in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720 and OSHA 1910.134).

This grant would increase total staffing to the fire department by 12 personnel, and increase daily staffing by 4 personnel. The amount requested would cover the cost of funding a 4 person truck company for 2 full years. The City would be required by the grant to retain the employees for the entire 3 year performance period and provide funding for the third year of the grant.

The grant, if awarded, would offset some of the personnel costs of staffing the proposed new Fire Station No. 8. It is anticipated that the awards should be announced before September 30, 2012.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no match for this grant; however in previous grant funding cycles, the grant has had a performance period of 3 years, with the city bearing the full cost of the staffing in the final year of the performance period. The City would be required to provide funding for the third year of the grant at approximately \$1,677,033.52, which is anticipated to be funded with Measure O funds as authorized by Council on May 17, 2011, for Fire Station No. 8.

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution for Grant Application Submittal

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD APPROVING  
SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No.12,053 sets out the procedure by which City staff may submit grant applications, following approval by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has requested that City Council approve the submittal of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for \$3,354,067.04 in Assistance to Firefighter grant funds to be used to enhance the ability of the Fire Department to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves to approve the submittal of a grant application by the City Manager for Fire Department enhancement. The City Council further resolves that the City Manager or designee is authorized to execute grant agreements; the Chief Financial Officer or designee is authorized to submit financial reports and grant claims and approve special budget appropriations for the use of grant funds; and the Fire Chief or designee is authorized to submit non-financial reports.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th day of December, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

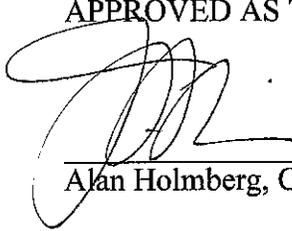
ABSENTS:

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Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

  
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Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

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