

## Item 0292-20

**Narrative:** This supplemental COVID 19 PPE grant is made available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program for 2020. This grant is a highly competitive program with fire departments from across the nation competing for a limited amount of funding.

Racine Fire Department is the host agency on behalf of seven fire departments in Racine County applying for this grant. By utilizing a regional approach to this particular grant that enhances our ability to secure the grant, get much better pricing through bulk purchasing, and share the equipment from the grant with our regional partners. This grant will fund the replacement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used by our emergency first responders during the current COVID 19 pandemic through December 31, 2020. That equipment includes eye protection, isolation gowns, protective Tyvek coveralls, exam gloves, footwear covers, N95 respirators and surgical face masks.

The distribution of the grant equipment and cost share of 10% is based on the call volume for each of the participating departments. There are six calls for service where PPE is used all the time. They are Basic Life Support calls, Advance Life Support calls, Advance Life Support Critical Care calls, Pulseless Non-Breathers, Motor Vehicle Accidents and Invalid Assistance calls. Those numbers are charted in an Excel spreadsheet to determine equipment distribution and cost share.

Each of the regional partners is responsible for their own cost share match of 10%. For the Racine Fire Department our specific share of the grant is \$68,947.82 or 51.10% of the total call volume. Our hard match is 10% or \$6,894.78.

We also request that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Racine and Regional Fire Departments to facilitate the acquisition and distribution of the equipment procured under this grant.

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