

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2006

TITLE: A Request to Approve a Budget Amendment

DEPARTMENT: Management Services	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Budget Amendment	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Travis Crabtree, Interim Fire Chief, 918-7349 L. Bingham Roenigk, Management Services, 918-7439

PURPOSE:

The Town of Carrboro is receiving \$22,490 in FEMA grant revenues as reimbursement for the work performed by two town firefighters in providing aid to towns affected by Hurricane Katrina. The town staff recommends adoption of the budget amendment.

INFORMATION:

Fire Driver Henry "Scott" Walker (16 years of service) and Fire Driver Scott Trombley (9 years of service) were sent September 6, 2005 to RDU airport where they flew to Atlanta and received training from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). From there, they were sent to Pensacola, Florida at the state line of Alabama. For three weeks, they helped misplaced residents by assisting them in filling out the proper forms to receive aid from FEMA, helping approximately 600 persons per day. The Carrboro Firefighters were later transferred to Houston, Texas, where they commuted back and forth to Beaumont, Texas. Each day while in Beaumont, their duties included walking house to house, checking on residents and making sure they had adequate supplies and were in good health. Their tour of duty lasted 32 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Grant revenues offset the costs incurred by the Town.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve budget amendment as requested.