

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 17, 2012

TITLE: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award

DEPARTMENT: Fire-Rescue Department	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A: Grant Project Ordinance	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Travis Crabtree 918-7349 Arche McAdoo 918-7439

PURPOSE

The Town of Carrboro has received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to install a fire sprinkler system in Fire Station #1, next to Town Hall. This grant in the amount of \$67,950.00 requires a local match of \$7,550 for a total grant award of \$75,500.00. The Board is requested to approve a grant project ordinance to recognize these revenues and appropriate them for expenditure for their intended purpose. The Board is also requested to approve an amendment to the FY 2011-12 Budget Ordinance to appropriate \$7,550.00 from fund balance for the local match requirement.

INFORMATION

The Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department received notification on December 16, 2011 that it was the recipient of Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$67,950.00 to install a fire sprinkler system in Fire Station #1 next to Town Hall. This award requires a local match of \$7,550.00 for a total grant award of \$75,500.00.

The Town had anticipated action on this grant application to be made next fiscal year and intended to budget the local match in FY 2012-13. Because of the grant award has been made this fiscal year the Town did not include in the current budget funds for the local match. Subsequently, the Town will need to appropriate funds from fund balance to meet the local match requirements for this grant.

Carrboro was one of 135 fire departments on a national level to receive this award. Under the Operations and Safety section, FEMA encourages fire departments across the nation to retrofit fire sprinklers in existing fire stations to protect our most valuable assets, our personnel. In addition, this life saving system also will protect the towns' Emergency Operation Center along with several fire apparatus. The new fire station #2 and the Century Center have the same type of life saving system installed and this grant will allow the Town to complete the installation of the fire sprinkler system in its major facilities.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT

An annual inspection of the fire sprinkler system will need to be conducted at an estimated price of \$500 per year.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is requested to approve the attached Grant Project Ordinance and an amendment to the FY 2011-12 Budget Ordinance appropriating fund balance to meet the local match requirement.