

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Authorize application to the Department of Homeland Security, through its Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant in the amount of \$2,262,091 for self-contained breathing apparatus. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security, through its Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for Portland Fire & Rescue (PF&R) firefighters.

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that a National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) certified SCBA is used in any Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) atmosphere. This includes emergency responses to uncontrolled releases of a hazardous substance and emergency operations covering interior structural firefighting.
- PF&R last purchased full SCBA sets in 2002 and have upgraded several parts of the equipment to remain in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and NIOSH standards. It is no longer a viable option to upgrade pieces of the equipment to meet these standards.
- If PF&R receives this grant it will provide replacement of essential personal protective equipment for all firefighters.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This legislation is for approval to submit the grant application and has no financial impact. However, if the grant proposal is funded, there will be a 10% cost share requirement. Funds will be provided from either FY 2017-2018 or FY 2018-2019 PF&R equipment replacement budget, depending on the grant award date.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This is a grant application, therefore there has been no community involvement. However, should PF&R receive the grant award the entire community will benefit by having emergency response personnel better equipped to respond to environments that are immediately dangerous to life and health.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
- ☒ **NO:** Skip this section