# IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *	Accept a grant in the amount of \$342,437 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Assistance to Firefighter Grant FY 2014 (Ordinance)
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### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

On November 26, 2014, Council passed Ordinance 186904, authorizing Portland Fire & Rescue to apply to FEMA, for the 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, to fund the purchase of firefighter bailout systems. The bailout systems allow firefighters the option of escaping a burning structure when conventional exits are blocked or otherwise inaccessible.

This legislation supports the City's safety in the workplace policies.

### Financial and budgetary impacts:

Discuss the impacts of the legislation relating to all of the following if relevant:

- Purchasing this safety equipment will help prevent deaths, and reduce injuries.
- Appropriations will be made during the FY 2015-16 Fall BMP
- There is a local match requirement of \$34,243 that will be met with the FY 2015-2016 equipment budget.
- Maintenance of effort requirement: PF&R agrees to maintain during the term of the grant PF&R's aggregate expenditures relating to the allowable activity at not less than 80 percent of the average amount of such expenditures in the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which the grant amounts are received.

## Community impacts and community involvement:

Bailout systems facilitate rapid egress and self-rescue for firefighters trapped at elevation in a structure fire and may also be used for civilian rescues. The purchase and deployment of bailout kits to all of the PF&R firefighting force will dramatically improve the personal protection of our firefighters and the citizens of Portland.

## **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

#### Does this action change appropriations?

**YES**: Please complete the information below.  $\bigotimes$  **NO**: Skip this section