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## Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 3 Ordinance/Resolution# 10-276 Council District:     

For Meeting of May 17, 2010  
(Adoption Date)

**TITLE:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR \$68,000 ON BEHALF OF A REGIONAL TRAINING INITIATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FY2010 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS REGIONAL GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT, WITH A 20% CASH MATCH OF \$17,000.**

**PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:** To secure approval to seek grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for the FY2010 Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant Program, to purchase a Mobile Fire Pump Testing and Training Unit to bring to Las Cruces Fire Department and surrounding regional fire departments into compliance with nationally recommended standards and to enhance firefighter safety.

<b>Name of Drafter:</b> Maria J. Nape		<b>Department:</b> Finance/GAO		<b>Phone:</b> 541-2104	
<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Fire Department	<i>George A. Brown</i>	541-2592	Budget	<i>Richard Y. L. ...</i>	541-2107
GAO	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2281	Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2076

**BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:** The City of Las Cruces Fire Department currently has no equipment or site for training firefighters in the area of drafting or for completing the required annual testing of its fire pumps. This creates inefficiencies in our pump operator training programs as well as non-compliance with testing requirements of the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO). Therefore the Fire Department is requesting grant funding through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA), Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant Program to purchase a Mobile Fire Pump Testing and Training Unit, which will be used locally and regionally to ensure that fire equipment and personnel meet national compliance standards. The unit is \$85,000 and the Fire Department is applying for a grant for 80 percent of the project cost (\$68,000) and required to provide 20 percent of the project cost as a cash match (\$17,000). The match will be paid from the Fire Department budget and will not affect the General Fund.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

<b>Fund Name / Account Number</b>	<b>Amount of Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit "A" - Grant Overview Worksheet
3. Exhibit "B" – Regional Fire Department List

**OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Resolution to grant approval to the Fire Department to apply for \$68,000 in grant funds from FEMA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and contribute \$17,000 to the project.
2. Deny the Resolution. No application will be submitted, and the extractors and disinfection sinks will not be purchased.
3. Vote to "POSTPONE" the Resolution and direct staff to pursue other options.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-276****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR \$68,000 ON BEHALF OF A REGIONAL TRAINING INITIATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FY2010 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS REGIONAL GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT, WITH A 20% CASH MATCH OF \$17,000.**

The City Council is informed that:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Las Cruces, surrounding communities and Doña Ana County Fire Departments are committed to providing enhanced regional response capabilities for emergencies and disasters and provides for the safety and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Office is making available a competitive grant to fund training equipment that supports the Las Cruces Fire Department and regional fire departments' responses to emergencies and disasters; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

**(I)**

**THAT** the Las Cruces Fire Department may apply for a Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant on behalf of local and regional fire departments for \$68,000. with a 20 percent City cash match (\$17,000) for a Mobile Fire Pump Testing and Training Unit. This unit when purchased will bring the Las Cruces Fire Department, local and regional fire departments into compliance with nationally recommended standards,

enhance firefighter safety and assist in ensuring each department has the firefighting capability needed for protecting their respective communities; and

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010 .

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Silva: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Connor: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Pedroza: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Small: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Sorg: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Thomas: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

# GRANT OVERVIEW WORKSHEET

**Title of Grant Program:** Assistance to Firefighters

**Funding Organization:** FEMA

**Section Applying:** Fire Department

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**Description of Proposed Project:** Purchase Mobile Fire Pump Testing and Training Unit

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Strategic Plan Performance Budget	Goal: Goal:	Objective: Objective:	Strategic Plan: Strategic Plan:
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- Existing City Programs/Efforts** *(Ex: request for environmentally-friendly weed management. Parks and Recreation Section's existing budget and work activities include weed management)*
  - Expansion of Existing Program/Efforts** *(Ex: request for advertising to increase public awareness of the Farmer's market. The advertising campaign will be an increase over current activities/budget)*
  - New Initiative, Not Budgeted** *(Ex: request to implement a recreational activity that is currently not included in the City's recreations programs)*
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**Project Maintenance** *If the grant specifies that the project must be maintained/operated after the grant period ends, list the requirements:*  
 <\$100 per year

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<b>Amount Section anticipates requesting:</b> \$68,000	<b>Match Requirement (%)</b> 20
<b>Projected Match In-kind:</b> -0-	<b>Cash:</b> \$17,000
<b>Match Source:</b> Fire Department Budget	

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**Grant Application Due:** 05/28/2010                      **Grant Duration** *(Months/years):* 12 months

**MOU or Joint Powers Agreement Required:**  Yes

**Grant Collaborators** *(List other City Departments or Outside Agencies):*  
 Dona Ana FD, NMSU FD, Sunland Park FD, Mesilla FD, NASA/White Sands FD

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**Employees To Be Hired** *(number to be hired, full-time or part-time positions and 1 sentence job responsibilities):*  
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# GRANT OVERVIEW WORKSHEET

**Grant Manager** *(Responsible for contract, project operations, budget management, and reports as prescribed)*

**Name:** Russell Smith

**Title:** Battalion Chief

**Phone:** 528-4074

**E-mail:** rsmith@las-cruces.org

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**Submitted by:** Fire Chief Travis Brown

**Signature:** Travis A. Brown

**Date:** 5/3/2010

**Reviewed & Approved by:**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS  
FY 2010  
REGIONAL APPLICATION

REGIONAL FIRE DEPARTMENT LIST

PARTNERS FOR PORTABLE PUMP  
TRAINING AND TESTING PROJECT GRANT

Sunland Park Fire Department  
Doña Ana County Fire & Emergency Services  
New Mexico State University Department of Fire and Emergency Services  
Mesilla Fire Department  
NASA/White Sands Fire Department