

**LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET**

DATE: 11/14/24

BT or RC No: BT25-031  
(Administration & City Council Bills)

SPONSOR: Emergency Preparedness Division  
(Department/Division/Agency/Council Member)

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PURPOSE: White Paper (Explain Why this legislation is necessary? Provide; Who, What, When, Where, How and the Impact.) Council Research will complete this form for Council introduced legislation and the Administration is responsible for all other legislation.

(Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

The City of Jacksonville/Duval County Emergency Preparedness Division has been awarded the Fiscal Year 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The purpose of the Fiscal Year 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire related hazards. The AFG Program accomplishes this by providing financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments.

The Fiscal Year 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) focus on enhancing the safety of the firefighters and therefore the public with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments for critical training and equipment. The AFG Program awards grant funding to provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

This AFG awarded funding will assist the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department by providing existing employees with the training to become Nationally Registered Paramedics (NRP), and by providing turnout gear extractors which removes carcinogens from turnout gear, thereby improving the overall health and safety of our firefighters.

APPROPRIATION: Total Amount Appropriated: \$2,089,200.00 as follows:  
List the source name and provide Object and Subobject Numbers for each category listed below:

(Name of Fund as it will appear in title of legislation)

|                                   |   |         |                |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|----------------|
| Name of Federal Funding Source(s) | From: Department of Homeland Security/FEMA                          | Amount: | \$1,899,272.72 |
|                                   | To: Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Paramedic Training - Various | Amount: | \$1,899,272.72 |
| Name of State Funding Source(s)   | From:   | Amount: |                |
|                                   | To:   | Amount: |                |
| Name of City of Jacksonville Fund | From: JXRS Reserve - Federal Programs Other Economic Environment    | Amount: | \$189,927.28   |
|                                   | To: Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Paramedic Training - Various | Amount: | \$189,927.28   |
| Name of In-Kind Contribution(s):  | From:   | Amount: |                |
|                                   | To:   | Amount: |                |
| Name & Number of Bond Account(s): | From:   | Amount: |                |
|                                   | To:   | Amount: |                |

PLAIN LANGUAGE OF APPROPRIATION / FINANCIAL IMPACT / OTHER:

Explain: Where are the funds coming from, going to, how will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame? Will there be an ongoing maintenance? ... and staffing obligation? Per Chapters 122 & 106 regarding funding of anticipated post-construction operation costs. (Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

The funding for this project is from FEMA Fiscal Year 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG). Agreement No. EMW-2023-FG-01743. Funds for the AFG grant program are awarded from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Grants Programs Directorate (GPD) to the City of Jacksonville/Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department.

The period of performance and budget period of this grant is from 09/26/24 to 09/25/26. The awarded/approved budget for the AFG Grant is \$2,089,200.00. DHS/FEMA will provide Federal funding in the amount of \$1,899,272.72. As a condition of this grant, the City of Jacksonville/Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department is required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than 10% of the Federal funds awarded, \$189,927.28 for a total approved budget of \$2,089,200.00.

The AFG grant will be utilized to enhance and support the City of Jacksonville/Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department's goal to increase the number of certified paramedics. This grant will fund training for 60 members to become Nationally Registered Paramedics. Funding will also be used to increase the number of turnout gear extractors that will be housed at strategically identified fire stations throughout the City. The gear extractors will improve the long term health of our firefighters by eliminating carcinogens from turnout gear, thus decreasing the risk of cancer in firefighter's.

ACTION ITEMS: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

ACTION ITEMS:

|                                | Yes                                 | No                                  |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Emergency?                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Justification of Emergency: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of emergency.<br><input type="text"/>   |
| Federal or State Mandate?      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Explanation: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of mandate including Statute or Provision.<br><input type="text"/>   |
| Fiscal Year Carryover?         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Note: If yes, note must include explanation of all-year subfund carryover language.<br><input type="text"/>  |
| CIP Amendment?                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate CIP form(s). Include justification for mid-year amendment.  |
| Contract / Agreement Approval? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Attachment & Explanation: If yes, attach the Contract / Agreement and name of Department (and contact name) that will provide oversight. Indicate if negotiations are on-going and with whom. Has OGC reviewed / drafted?<br>Agreement EMW-2023-FG-01743. DHS/FEMA AFG award/agreement has been accepted by City of Jacksonville. The Emergency Preparedness Division Chief, Andre Ayoub, will provide oversight of the award. |
| Related RC/BT?                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate RC/BT form(s).  |
| Waiver of Code?                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Code Reference: If yes, identify code section(s) in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.<br><input type="text"/>   |
| Code Exception?                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Code Reference: If yes, identify code in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.<br><input type="text"/>  |
| Related Enacted Ordinances?    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Code Reference: If yes, identify related code section(s) and ordinance reference number in the box below and provide detailed explanation and any changes necessary within white paper.<br><input type="text"/>  |

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

|                        | Yes                      | No                                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Continuation of Grant? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Explanation: How will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame and/or multi-year? If multi-year, note year of grant? Are there long-term implications for the General Fund?

|                                 |                                     |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Surplus Property Certification? | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reporting Requirements?         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate form(s).

Explanation: List agencies (including City Council / Auditor) to receive reports and frequency of reports, including when reports are due. Provide Department (include contact name and telephone number) responsible for generating reports.

There will be ongoing quarterly reporting requirements.

**BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE**

Pursuant to Section 166.041(4), F.S., the City is required to prepare a Business Impact Estimate for ordinances that are NOT exempt from this requirement. A list of ordinance exemptions are provided below. Please check all exemption boxes that apply to this ordinance. If an exemption is applicable, a Business Impact Estimate IS NOT required.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
  - a. Part II of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, relating to growth policy, county and municipal planning, and land development regulation, including zoning, development orders, development agreements and development permits;
  - b. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
  - c. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
  - d. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

If none of the boxes above are checked, then a Business Impact Estimate IS REQUIRED to be prepared by the using agency/office/department and submitted in the MBRC filing packet along with the memorandum request, legislative fact sheet, etc. A Business Impact Estimate form can be found at: <https://www.coj.net/departments/finance/budget/mayor-s-budget-review-committee>

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Prepared By: Sharaad Christopher  
 (signature)

Date: 11/22/24

Date: 11/14/2024

**ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSMITTAL**

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Legislation from Independent Agencies requires a resolution from the Independent Agency Board approving the legislation.

Independent Agency Action Item:      **Yes**      **No**

Boards Action / Resolution?       

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate documentation. If no, when is board action scheduled?

**FACT SHEET IS REQUIRED BEFORE LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED**