

COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2024-016, authorizing submission of a

regional grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the FY 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program – Vehicle Acquisition in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 with the match being up to \$100,000 and authorize the execution of the

associated terms and conditions.

PRESENTER: Stan Tinney, Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

The North Richland Hills Fire Department (NRHFD) has coordinated the regional grant application for the FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to apply for a mobile command vehicle. The AFG exists to fund critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel, enhance efficiencies, and support community resilience.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA) is comprised of fourteen jurisdictions in Northeast Tarrant and Southern Denton counties. The cities in NEFDA are North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Haltom City, Hurst, Grapevine, Southlake, Colleyville, Keller, Watauga, Bedford, Euless, Roanoke, Westlake, and Trophy Club. This grant is for a regional NEFDA command post vehicle.

NRHFD currently has a command post vehicle that is 34 years old. Due to the age of and current issues with the vehicle, NRHFD is pursuing a replacement command post vehicle that will be a regional asset to NEFDA cities.

NRHFD will take on the administrator role of the grant if awarded. The application will request up to \$1,000,000 in funding. If awarded, the AFG requires a local match of 10%. The match for the NEFDA participating cites is up to \$100,000. This cost will be covered through the NEFDA dues paid by each member city.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2024-016.