



COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager

DATE: 02-22-2021

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution No. 2021-015, authorizing submission of the grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Program for Northeast Explosive Response Team (NERT) – Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Bomb Suit Grant #4255101.

PRESENTER: Raelyn Darnell, Emergency Management Coordinator

SUMMARY:

The North Richland Hills Fire Department has coordinated the SHSP application of the Northeast Explosive Response Team (NERT) Bomb Squad to apply for a grant in the amount of \$41,000 for a new bomb suit. It is necessary to establish a rotation of EOD bomb suits in order to maintain response capabilities and ensure that NERT has the necessary amount of certified and un-expired EOD bomb suits to effectively respond to dynamic situations.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City of North Richland Hills Fire Department is part of the Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA) which includes the Northeast Explosive Response Team that responds to EOD situations in the area. The new bomb suit will protect the bomb technician from the four main threats from a blast: overpressure, fragmentation, impact and heat. The bomb suit is an FBI required equipment item for certified bomb squads. If authorized, North Richland Hills Fire Department will submit the SHSP application on behalf of the NERT. North Richland Hills Fire Department would take on the role of administrator of the grant if awarded. The grant total is \$41,000 and requires no matching funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2021-015.