



COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution No. 2021-014, authorizing submission of the grant application for the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program – Training Props/Equipment.

PRESENTER: Raelyn Darnell, Emergency Management Coordinator

SUMMARY:

The North Richland Hills Fire Department has coordinated the application for the AFG to apply for new training props and materials for a training storage structure. These training systems/props are designed to effectively teach the lessons important for our actual risk and response situation. This will allow us to teach and learn the critical fire and safety skills needed to address our highest risk elements in our community.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City of North Richland Hills Fire Department (NRHFD) holds various fire training exercises at the training center, located at Fire Station 5. NRHFD also manages the Birdville ISD High School Fire Academy. Currently, the training center has malfunctioning equipment such as a small-sized gas burn building and a four story training tower that has no burning capabilities. If authorized, North Richland Hills Fire Department will submit the AFG application for obtaining new training props/equipment. North Richland Hills Fire Department would take on the role of administrator of the grant if awarded. North Richland Hills is requesting \$154,317 in total funding in grant application. If awarded, the AFG requires a local match of 10% from the participating agencies. The estimated match for the City is \$15,431.70. Funds from the Fire Department's General Fund training and equipment accounts have been identified and set aside in anticipation of this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2021-014.