



## COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager

**DATE:** January 10, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Consider Resolution No. 2022-001 authorizing submission of the grant application for the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program for Training Props and Equipment.

**PRESENTER:** Stan Tinney, Fire Chief

**SUMMARY:**

The North Richland Hills Fire Department (NRHFD) has coordinated the application for the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to apply for a training maze. This reconfigurable maze is a type of training equipment used to test and improve firefighter knowledge and confidence in their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), specifically their mask and air pack.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The City of North Richland Hills Fire Department (NRHFD) is interested in a new training prop to improve survival skills on the fire ground. If authorized, NRHFD will submit the AFG application for obtaining a training maze consisting of (36) 4' x 4' panels and applicable hardware. This maze allows firefighters to train on PPE use in a simulated fire ground environment. This maze can be setup in multiple different configurations and trains fire fighters to be more confident with their PPE and in turn increases their ability to survive in real situations on the fire ground.

North Richland Hills Fire Department would take on the role of administrator of the grant if awarded. North Richland Hills is requesting \$16,287.65 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 of North Richland Hills is \$1,628.76. Total cost is \$17,916.41. These funds have been identified and set aside in anticipation of this project in Public Safety Training account 1009020-514-080.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution No. 2022-001.