



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 24, 2023
SUBJECT: Consider authorizing the purchase of a truck and crash attenuator for the Fire Department from Rush Truck Center using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract #601-19 in the amount of \$184,502.69.
PRESENTER: Stan Tinney, Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills has been awarded a grant from the 2021 Incident Management (IM) Freeway Blocking Equipment Call for Projects program in the amount of \$136,441 for the purchase of a blocker truck with crash attenuator. The grant requires a 20% match by the city for a total of \$27,288 and these funds are being allocated from ARPA funding. The price of the vehicle increased significantly from the time the grant was submitted due to challenges with acquiring materials and products and the overall vehicle market. The final quote is in the amount of \$184,502.69. The additional funds needed for this purchase (\$48,061.69) are also coming from ARPA. This City Council approved Resolution No. 2021-034 at the October 25, 2021 Council Meeting accepting the IM grant funds if awarded.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The North Richland Hills Fire Department was awarded funds from the North Central Texas Council of Governments 2021 Incident Management Freeway Blocking Equipment Call for Projects to purchase a blocker truck. This truck/crash attenuator is designed to 1) notify oncoming traffic of an accident/construction area ahead and 2) save lives in traffic accident areas by absorbing the impact of a high or low-speed secondary crash while also decreasing damage made to the oncoming vehicle. This truck will be housed at NRH Fire Station 5 and will utilize existing Fire Department personnel to operate it.

NRH FD is requesting approval of the blocker truck purchase from Rush Truck Center using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract #601-19 in the amount of \$184,502.69. Funding is coming from the grant (\$109,153) and from funds allocated through the American Rescue Plan Act (\$75,349.69). The Local Government Code states that purchases made through a cooperative purchasing agreement satisfy any state law that would require the city to solicit competitive bids. The City has previously conducted business with Rush Truck Center with positive results.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the purchase of a truck and crash attenuator for the Fire Department from Rush Truck Center using BuyBoard Cooperative Contract #601-19 in the amount of \$184,502.69.