



COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution No. 2021-013 authorizing submission of the grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) for Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA) – Hazardous Material (HazMat) Area Monitoring Equipment Grant #4257101.

PRESENTER: Raelyn Darnell, Emergency Management Coordinator

SUMMARY:

The North Richland Hills Fire Department has coordinated the SHSP application of Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA) to apply for new hazardous material monitoring equipment. The grant totals \$60,000 and has no matching funds requirement. This equipment will enhance response capabilities to detect weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and other threats and hazards of concern.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City of North Richland Hills Fire Department is part of the Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA) which includes the team members that respond to hazardous materials situations. With new monitoring equipment, NEFDA HazMat team will have the ability to limit exposure time, increase detection capabilities, and work in hazardous environments with enhanced detection and personal protective equipment. If authorized, North Richland Hills Fire Department will submit the SHSP application on behalf of NEFDA. North Richland Hills Fire Department would take on the role of administrator of the grant if awarded. The grant total is \$60,000 and requires no matching funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2021-013.