



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 27, 2017
SUBJECT: Authorize the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the cities of Richland Hills, Watauga, and Haltom City for a joint project which will provide new video conferencing systems to all fire stations under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.
PRESENTER: Stan Tinney, Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

This item is to authorize the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the cities of Richland Hills, Watauga, and Haltom City for a joint project which will provide new video conferencing systems to all fire stations under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City of North Richland Hills Fire Department works closely with the cities of Richland Hills, Watauga, and Haltom City on training and response operations. Currently, training can only take place in small groups due to the restrictions of equipment needing to remain in their district for adequate emergency response. Implementing a four city video conferencing system in all of the fire stations will allow training to be coordinated remotely. These video systems give fire department staff the ability to coordinate and train while remaining in their designated station district.

This project was submitted by Haltom City on behalf of the other three shared services cities. Haltom City will also take on the role of administrator of this grant. Haltom City is requesting \$299,875.00 in total funding in this grant application. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) requires a local match of 10% from the participating agencies. The total local funds committed for this project is \$29,987.00. The estimated match requirement for the City of North Richland Hills is \$14,993.50. These funds have been identified and set aside in anticipation for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the city Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the cities of Richland Hills, Watauga, and Haltom City for a joint project under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.