

COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager

DATE: August 27, 2018

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2018-025, authorizing submission of the grant application for the Clean Fleets North Texas 2018 Grant Program.

PRESENTER: Stan Tinney, Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been working with regional partners on the Clean Fleets North Texas 2018 grant program to reduce emissions and increase fuel efficiency in vehicles for the region. The Fire Department is seeking authorization to apply for and execute this grant to replace an aging fire engine with a new, more advanced unit. The new vehicle will have better fuel efficiency, operator safety measures, and will decrease the environmental impact of the NRHFD fleet as a whole.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Clean Fleets North Texas 2018 Grant Program is a program offered by the NCTCOG to replace heavy-duty diesel vehicles and equipment. This program is available to agencies who have adopted the Clean Fleet Policy. The Clean Fleet Policy provides a framework for efficient and low-emitting fleet operations. North Richland Hills adopted the Clean Fleet Policy on December 12, 2005.

The Fire Department is seeking authorization to apply for and execute this grant to replace Unit 945. This unit is just over 20 years old and the Fire Department will stand to gain a great amount in efficiency and reliability by replacing it. New fire apparatus are significantly safer, reliable, and environmentally conscious in their development than they were 20 years ago.

If awarded, the Clean Fleets North Texas 2018 Grant Program will provide \$300,000 in grant funding, which will pay for 25% of the cost for the new fire apparatus. Should the grant be awarded staff anticipates returning to the City Council as part of the FY 2019/2020 budget process to request approval of funding for the city's cash match to the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2018-025.