



Legislation Text

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Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the submittal of three separate grant applications (Fire Department Training, Volunteer Firefighter Insurance, and Fire Department Equipment) for the Texas Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Program HB2604 and HB3367 (Fire Chief)

The primary goal of the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program is to enhance the emergency response capability of volunteer and combination departments with 20 or fewer paid members. The Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604) is a cost-share program funded by the Texas State Legislature. It provides funding to rural VFD's for the acquisition of firefighting vehicles, fire and rescue equipment, protective clothing, computer systems, and firefighter training.

The Rural VFD Insurance Program (HB3667) provides reimbursement grants for Texas Firefighters to obtain any combination of compensation insurance such as: workers compensation, group term life, accident and sickness, death, and disability and or cancer related insurance purchased from Texas insurance companies. The 77th Texas Legislator created the Rural VFD Insurance Program, which is funded by a 2% sales tax on the sale of fireworks.

League City VFD is seeking to apply for reimbursement costs for bunker gear, firefighter training, and volunteer firefighter insurance for fiscal year 2021.

Equipment Reimbursement Guidelines:

Requirements for equipment reimbursement are 75% of the actual cost, not to exceed \$20,000 in grant assistance. Expenses, which are budgeted, will be posted to account # 2850000-51250 Fire Department Operating Supplies. The grant revenue will post to General Fund Revenue 0100-48200 Fire Department Assistance Grant.

Training Reimbursement Guidelines:

Requirements for training reimbursement are 100% of the actual cost of tuition not to exceed \$129 per day up to a maximum of \$645 per trainee, per school. The annual maximum for all training tuition grant assistance per department is \$12,000. Expenses, which are budgeted, will be posted to account # 2850000-53440 Fire Department Training and Travel. The grant revenue will post to General Fund Revenue 0100-48200 Fire Department Assistance Grant.

Insurance Reimbursement Guidelines:

The program will reimburse 100% of the actual cost of eligible insurance coverage up to a maximum of \$175 per fire department member. The grant revenue will post to General Fund Revenue 0100-48210 Fire Department Insurance Grant.

CONTRACT ORIGINATION: Fire Department

Attachments:

1. Data Sheet
2. Proposed Resolution
3. Grant Application Pre-Approval Form - Training
4. Grant Application Pre-Approval Form - Insurance
5. Grant Application Pre-Approval Form - Equipment

FUNDING

{x} The grant revenue for equipment & training will post to General Fund Revenue 0100-48200 Fire Department Assistance Grant. The grant revenue for insurance reimbursement will post to General Fund Revenue 0100-48210 Fire Department Insurance Grant.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

{x} NOT APPLICABLE