



Pompano Beach Fire Rescue

**FIRE ADMINISTRATION
MEMO # 18-A094**

To: John Jurgle, Fire Chief
From: Chad Brocato, Assistant Fire Chief
Date: 5/8/18
Re: AFG Regional Grant Application – Fire Station Alerting

As you know, we applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Regional Grant Application for fire station alerting systems. The AFG grant is being sought in regards to a mandate from Broward County regarding the implementation of new regional communications infrastructure (P25, Phase II communications system) that will render our current emergency alerting systems obsolete. The current alerting systems (Zetron) are decades old and should be replaced; however, the challenge is in the timing of the implementation of the new infrastructure that is slated to be installed and functional in the first quarter of 2019. In response to this narrow timeline as outlined in a letter from Bertha Henry, County Administrator, we endeavored to partner with other local fire departments to apply for an AFG grant to help fund replacement of this vital equipment.

If funded, our department would be provided four (4) basic alerting systems with 85% of the cost borne by the grant and only a 15% match required by the City of Pompano Beach. The 85% grant amount is estimated at \$185,325.22 with the City's obligation at \$27,798.78. The caveat is the City would have to reserve \$2,664,050.00 to, essentially, serve as the bank for the region. The positive side is that we have been a prior participant in the AFG regional grant for portable radios wherein we received over \$200,000 worth of grant funds to purchase radios that we were otherwise obligated to buy. In that grant, Sunrise served as the "bank" to facilitate all agencies receiving the grant funds.

The reserved funds noted above would be distributed as the vendor performed the installations of the fire alerting systems, and the City would be reimbursed directly by each participating agency (matching funds) as well as through the grant. It is a virtual impossibility that the entire balance of funds would be required to be spent as it takes a considerable amount of time to prepare, obtain permits, and install each system. It is likely that a given number of stations would be completed in a set amount of time, funds paid to the vendor, and each agency returning their matching portion to the City. Concurrently, the City would be able to receive direct deposit of grant funds as the installations are completed.

At this point, we have received a preliminary request from FEMA to begin moving forward. While this is not an announcement of an award, it is a sign that the grant application is being considered for funding. Attached are the necessary documents to bring a resolution before the City Commission for their approval. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Enclosure:

Memorandum of Understanding

Spreadsheet for allocation of costs and number of systems

Letter from Bertha Henry dated 10.30.17

Letter from Bertha Henry dated 4.20.18

Letter from Bertha Henry dated 4.27.18