



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-952

Agenda Date: October 19, 2023

Department: Gainesville Fire Rescue

Title: 2023-952 Fire Rescue Northeast Florida Regional Council Funding for Hazardous Materials Response Supplies (B)

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Description: Request for the Commission to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Northeast Florida Regional Council and Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR) for the purchase of hazardous materials response supplies

Fiscal Note: This is a reimbursement agreement not to exceed \$36,000. Funds must be spent by January 31st, 2024.

Explanation: Gainesville Fire Rescue has 48 members trained as a regional asset for Hazardous Materials Response to 12 North Florida counties. Response capability includes preparation for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) incidents. Much of the equipment and supplies required for these specialized responses are supported through grant funding.

The Northeast Florida Regional Council has approved an application from GFR to receive project funding from the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance. The funding is for Drager Powered Air-purifying Respirators (PAPR) and Kappler Insulated FR Coveralls. These supplies reduce the risk to hazmat responders from both flame and vapor exposure and may provide additional protection during infectious disease outbreaks. All equipment purchased with project funding is considered a regional asset and, if available and not in use, may be deployed to partner agencies upon request.

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community

- ☐ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute the Memorandum of Agreement not to exceed \$36,000 and other necessary documents subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.