

STAFF REPORT

Date: January 10, 2018

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Sabra Newby, City Manager

Subject: **B.13. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a Fiscal Year (FY)18 Nevada State Emergency Response Commission, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant from the Local Emergency Planning Committee, for Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team training and equipment, administered by the Reno Fire Department in the amount of \$29,750. (Grant Funds)**

From: Dave Cochran, Fire Chief

Summary: This Local Emergency Planning Committee/State Emergency Response Commission non-matching Grant will provide funding to purchase a Propane IQ Training Course and related equipment for the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team. Staff recommends Council acceptance of the Grant in the amount of \$29,750.

Discussion: The Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team (TRIAD) is a multi-agency team comprised of members from the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. The funds provided by this grant award will provide training and equipment, which will strengthen the Region's ability to respond to hazardous materials emergencies. The Propane IQ Response and Tactics course is a 16-hour training session designed to prepare responders to safely mitigate a propane leak. Course topics include propane hazards and behaviors, cylinder construction, tank construction, propane vessel assessment, leak control, tactics and flaring procedures. The course is 50 percent hands on, and allows responders to practice all of the leak control skills taught. In addition, the TRIAD team will be provided with propane emergency response kits that will provide responders with the appropriate hardware and fittings required to safely mitigate an accidental or intentional release of propane.

Financial Implications: None to the General Fund. The grant has no match requirement.

Legal Implications: The City, by accepting this grant, agrees to comply with the terms of the grant application and provide a complete financial and program progress report on the disposition of grant funds for this equipment, which will be completed by the Reno Fire Department. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future grant funding.

Recommendation: Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award in the amount of \$29,750, and authorize the Mayor and Fire Chief to sign the Sub-Grant Agreement.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

- 2018 SERC HMEP Sub-Grant Agreement (PDF)