

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: August 23, 2011
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Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 11-22

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AN FFY 2011 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, administers the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program;

WHEREAS, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program helps fire departments obtain equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, and other resources to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Fire Department has a 39-year old first-line pumper/tanker this is unsafe to operate, unreliable, and in need of a new engine;

WHEREAS, the pumper/tanker's stick-shift transmission slows its response time and its tank capacity and pump rate are woefully inadequate for Bethel's size, frequency of fires, and lack of fire hydrants;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Fire Chief and Fire Captain have determined that the safety and well-being of Bethel residents demand a new pumper/tanker with a 120% increase in water carrying capacity and a 50% greater pump rate;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel plans to apply to the Assistance to Firefighters grant program and request up to \$300,000 in funding to purchase one new pumper/tanker to be put to use as a front-line emergency response vehicle;

WHEREAS, the required 5% cash match (\$15,000) will come from two sources: the Bethel Volunteer Emergency Services Association and the Department's vehicle maintenance fund;

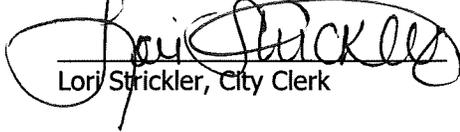
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the preparation and submission of an FFY 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application to request up to \$300,000 in funding for the purchase of a new pumper/tanker.

ENACTED THIS 23rd DAY OF AUGUST 2011 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.


Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk