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**TO:** Mayor Mayor Richard C. Irvin

**FROM:** Matt Anslow, Support Services Chief Aurora Fire Department

**DATE:** September 22, 2023

**SUBJECT:**

To replace all the fire hoses for the fire department that is over 20 years old. Through a grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The hose will be supplied by Air One Equipment, Inc of South Elgin, IL.

**PURPOSE:**

The fire hoses that the Fire Department is using in emergency operations does not meet NFPA 25 as most of the hose is over 20 years old.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Fire Department had budgeted \$40,000 a year for the next 5 years to replace this hose, while applying for the grant with FEMA. The grant was received and accepted with resolution R23-224 on August 8, 2023. The anticipated purchase for the hoses was published per the City's purchasing code with Bid 23-88. Five responses were received with Air One Equipment of South Elgin being the lowest responsible bidder at \$177,223. The City of Aurora will pay for the original hose purchase and get reimbursed for approximately 90%.

**DISCUSSION:**

Hose is one of our most important tools that the firefighters use at any fire. We have 3 separate sizes 1-3/4", 2-1/2" and 4". These hoses allow us to extinguish fires and bring water from the hydrants into the engines. We will be purchasing a total of one hundred and sixteen lengths of four-inch hose. One hundred and fifty-four, inch and three-quarter hose. Three hundred and ninety-two, two- and one-half inch hose. The Funds will be amended and added to 101-3033.422.61-52 and 90% will be reimbursed after the scope of work is completed.

**IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Purchasing new hose for the AFD will help ensure that fire personnel have reliable hose that meets the latest standards. This purchase will help the firefighters ensure the safety of the public.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

I request approval for the purchasing department to be able to make the aforementioned purchase.

cc: Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF PASSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase fire hose from Air One Equipment of South Elgin IL for the amount of \$177,223.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department wishes to purchase new hose using an Assistance to Firefighter Grant through FEMA; and

WHEREAS, Bid 23-88 was published in accordance with the City's purchasing policies, where five responses were received and Air One Equipment was the lowest responsible bidder at \$177,223; and

WHEREAS, Funds will be amended and added to 101-3033.422.61-52 and 90% will be reimbursed after the scope of work is completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows:  
The Director of purchasing is permitted to purchase fire hose from Air One Equipment of South Elgin IL for \$177,223.