

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000 THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) AND ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is mandated by OR-OSHA to provide and use SCBA for Immediate Danger to Life and Health (IDLH) atmospheres; and

WHEREAS, firefighter safety is a priority and providing essential safety equipment is necessary in order to maintain a safe and responsive emergency service agency; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department's current SCBA do not meet current Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) standards as established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1981 Standard on Open-Circuit Self-contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire and Emergency Services, 2002 Edition); and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department's current SCBA do not meet NFPA 1981 standard for providing a visual low-air warning system; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department's current SCBA do not meet NFPA 1981 standard for providing a Universal Fitting for emergency rescue air; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with NFPA and OR-OSHA, the Fire Department needs to replace its current SCBA with equipment that complies with industry standards; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing \$650 million in grants for fire departments nationwide; and

WHEREAS, a program in the grant, Operations and Firefighter Safety, specifically identifies SCBA as eligible personal protective equipment; and


WHEREAS, the application period for this grant ends April 8, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Albany City Council authorizes the Fire Department to apply for up to \$350,000 from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the purpose of purchasing SCBA and associated administrative costs.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2005.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk