

## Request Grant Amendment

**Amendment Number:** EMW-2011-FO-06771-001

<b>Federal share awarded:</b>	251,520.00
<b>Federal share requested:</b>	0.00
<b>Amount paid to date:</b>	0.00
<b>Amount of pending payments:</b>	0.00
<b>Balance of federal funds:</b>	251,520.00

Reviewed on/By 04-12-2012 by JOSEPH ROSS JR

Grantee Comments History

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Grantee's amendment request to restore the award to \$251,520 (federal share)- portion cut during post review - to fund needed training is approved. Joseph B. Ross Jr. Fire Program Specialist FEMA AFG Program Office, Washington D.C.

### Grant Amendment Request

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This was discussed and tentatively pre-approved with Joseph Ross at AFG.

The SPFD is struggling to maintain quality training during a time of extreme budget cutbacks. We are experiencing company brownouts and have temporarily lost one of our dedicated Training Assistant positions. Increasing the Training Division budget is not plausible and we are struggling to keep up with the training demands of the largest fire department in our state.

This AFG was written to provide Training and Equipment in several disciplines. We appreciate that the equipment we budgeted for was cut by the panels, but as discussed, we believe that the cuts went too deep into training programs that were not necessarily tied to grant funded equipment. We appreciate the award that we received for Firefighter Safety and Survival Training (total \$86,400), and I hope to further convince you to approve several of the other training activities requested on the original grant application. The other training activities had budgets very similar to the approved Safety and Survival training and essentially give us backfill and overtime to use fire department adjunct teaching staff to coordinate and provide the manpower for the hands-on training disciplines requested. These personnel requests are essential for the safety of our members during the training evolutions that we are requesting.

If this total amendment is approved as outlined below, it will increase the total award from \$86,400 to \$314,400, or a federal share of \$251,520 and a local match of \$62,880. All of these items are found on the Training Programs section of the Request Details page. I am requesting that all activities on that page be reactivated at their original budgets, except for the two "Swiftwater Rescue Training" activities that were dependent on the grant funds for new equipment. All other activities listed below can be done with existing equipment.

- 1.) Vehicle Rescue Training, budget \$86,400 (4 units x \$21,600). We standardized extrication equipment several years ago and did some initial training. We are over-due for follow up training to push our personnel to the next level of competence with this equipment. Provides backfill/overtime to dedicate four personnel to the training division for two months to deliver this training for all members.
- 2.) Vehicle Rescue Training, budget \$12,000 (24 units x \$500). These funds will cover contractual charges for vehicles and towing to make this training possible for the number of evolutions to get all personnel through standardized training.
- 3.) Driver/Operator (NFPA 1002) Training, budget \$43,200 (4 units x \$10,800). This training was to incorporate Advanced Pumping and Water Flow skills to all personnel. This is follow up to high-rise training that we are working on this summer and will also support the live burn evolutions requested by this grant. Provides backfill/overtime to dedicate four personnel to the training division for one month to deliver training for all personnel.
- 4.) Operations (NFPA 472) Training, budget \$43,200 (4 units x \$10,800). This training was to rotate companies through daytime and nighttime evolutions of live fire drills. Provides backfill/overtime to dedicate four personnel to the training division for one month to deliver training for all personnel. This live fire training was going to allow us to also test updates

to our accountability procedures.

5.) Other Training - Surface Ice Rescue Training, budget \$43,200 (4 units x \$10,800). We received an AFG three years ago for 18 new ice rescue suits. We did initial training for all personnel on that purchase but we have not been able to follow up on this high-risk/low-frequency training since that purchase. These funds were to allow us to do refresher training and incorporate advanced skills and techniques into the training for all personnel. Provides backfill/overtime to dedicate four personnel to the training division for one month.

Thank you.