

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE December 15, 2015	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Mark Anderson, Fire Chief

Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: Acceptance of funds for Pacific Connector Community Grant

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department has identified a need for equipment specifically designed to stabilize vehicles that have been compromised as a result of a motor vehicle crash. Cutting, pushing, and pulling on vehicle components and framework is often required to extricate victims from entrapment. It is extremely important for the safety of the victims and staff that the vehicle(s) be prevented from shifting during extrication efforts. The requested equipment complies with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 2006.

The Pacific Connector Pipeline Community Grant provides funding, up to \$5,000, for projects that provide benefits to the community including, but not limited to, emergency and first responder support. Fire Department staff recognizes the budgetary limitations of the General Fund and identified this grant opportunity as a way to improve services to the community while reducing the impact to the budget.

ADVANTAGES:

Accepting the Pacific Connector Pipeline grant funds will allow the Fire Department to purchase equipment that will improve the safety of extrication operations for rescuers and victims.

DISADVANTAGES:

None

BUDGET:

The stabilization equipment retails for \$6,098. The Fire Department would add \$1,098 to the grant funds to acquire the tools, but discussions with the vendor lead staff to believe that the City can purchase the equipment for significantly less than the retail cost. The potential receipt of this grant and the required match was included in the current adopted budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

If it pleases the City Council, please accept the Pacific Connector Pipeline Community grant funds of \$5,000 and approve the purchase of extrication stabilization tools.