

**CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Staff Report**

<b>MEETING DATE</b> August 16, 2016	<b>AGENDA ITEM NUMBER</b>
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Mark Anderson, Fire Chief

Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

**ISSUE: Acceptance of Pacific Connector Pipeline Grant**

**BACKGROUND:**

In April, the Fire Department applied for a Pacific Connector Community Grant. This \$4,900 grant request is intended to enhance some of the department's EMS capabilities. Specifically, the department would add Intraosseous (I/O) infusion kits to our reserve engine and rescue truck, a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) unit to the rescue truck and vacuum splints to each of the medical bags. I/O infusion kits are essentially a needle that is drilled into the bone to provide a pathway for fluids and medication. It is a safe and effective alternative to an Intravenous (IV) infusion when veins are compromised or difficult to access. The CPAP provides continuous oxygen to the patient when supplemental breathing is required. These tools are already being carried on our primary response vehicles; but by adding them to the reserve engine and rescue truck, it eliminates the need to transfer these tools back and forth and provides additional flexibility. The vacuum splints are a new tool for the department, and they will replace the cardboard splints currently being used for care of suspected limb fractures. The Fire Department has been notified that the Grant has been awarded.

**ADVANTAGES:**

By adding these life-saving tools to our reserve equipment, it allows personnel the flexibility to respond to given emergencies without transferring the equipment from vehicle to vehicle. This also provides a redundancy to address simultaneous emergencies or situations with multiple patients. The upgrade from a cardboard splint to a vacuum splint means improved initial care, limb immobilization, and patient comfort.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

No disadvantages identified.

**BUDGET:**

The grant request was for \$4,900. The use of Grant funds eliminates the need to rely on General Fund resources for these EMS tools.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

If it pleases the Council, accept the Pacific Connector Pipeline Grant of \$4,900 for the purpose of purchasing EMS equipment (vacuum splints and supplemental I/O kits and CPAP).