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### 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application Executive Summary

The Pocatello Fire Department staff requests approval to apply for the 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and, if awarded, authorize the Mayor to sign and accept the grant, subject to legal department review. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant is an annual grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The department has had two successful grant application in the past two grant cycles. This grant is due on February 10, 2023. Because of the short application period we are requesting approval to submit and will then send the application for legal review.

The department would like to submit two grants. The first is for a new Type V wildland engine. This "brush truck" would be similar to the three units we are about to take delivery of. It would provide us with similar apparatus across our fleet. The quote is from Boise Mobile Equipment using a cooperative purchase agreement with HGAC Buy contract #FS12-19. The cost of the vehicle is \$266,798 and requires a 10% local match. The local match would be \$26,680. The department would request to use Fund 78 for the match.

The second grant is to replace 5 thermal imaging cameras. These cameras allow firefighters to see heat patterns, even in smoky or low light conditions. This allows firefighters to locate victims in a fire environment. It also helps firefighters locate fire in a structure. These new units would replace 3 older units purchased in 2010. The older units are no longer serviceable and have greatly reduced battery life. It would also provide consistency as all cameras would be serviced by the same vendor and have the same operations. The price of a thermal imaging camera is \$10,570. The total grant submission for five cameras is \$52,850. These cameras would be placed on every front-line fire apparatus (4) and on the battalion chief's command vehicle. There is a 10% local match. The local match of \$5,285 would be part of the department's FY24 operating budget.

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