# City of Benson
# City Council Communication

**Regular Meeting** **November 25, 2013**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 7

From: Keith Spangler, Fire Chief

Subject:

Resolution 32-2013 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the Fire Chief to apply for a Department of Homeland Security Grant through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Program to fund the purchase of a new Engine Company

Discussion:

The purpose in applying for this grant is to purchase a new Engine Company. This purchase is to replace the 30-year-old engine company that is outdated and parts are extremely hard to find. The replacement will be the same pump, it can carry the same amount of personnel and has the same water tank capacity. The cost of the engine company and its equipment will not exceed $600,000.00.

There is a 5% City match making the City's match $30,000.00. This amount has been budgeted in this year's budget.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 32-2013

**RESOLUTION 32-2013**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR A DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT THROUGH FEMA'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS PROGRAM TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A NEW ENGINE COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers a grant program known as Assistance to Firefighters to fund local first responders to enhance their capabilities; and

WHEREAS, this program requires a five percent local match; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief requests authorization to apply for a grant in an amount not to exceed $600,000 to fund the purchase of a new engine company; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are of the belief and opinion that authorizing such a grant proposal is in the best interest of the citizens of Benson, Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, that the Fire Chief is hereby authorized to apply for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security in an amount not to exceed $600,000 to fund the purchase of a new engine company;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the City's grant proposal is selected for funding, then the Fire Chief is authorized to expend up to $30,000 from budgeted FY 2013-2014 Fire Department funds as a local match to purchase said equipment in accordance with the City's procurement code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 25th day of November, 2013.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MICHAEL J. MASSEE, City Attorney