

City of Cambridge Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG City Manager

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of a grant from the State Executive Office of Public Safety, Department of Fire Services, in the amount of \$468,750 to the Grant Fund Fire Extraordinary Expenditures account (\$438,750) and to the Grant Fund Fire Travel and Training account (\$30,000).

Funds will be used to purchase the following equipment to support the hazardous materials response team including:

- Hazardous material testing equipment that will detect the latest hazards. The mobile test kits can be easily used and provide quick results.
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- Detection and metering equipment. The purchase of new detection equipment and warranties associated with the equipment. This equipment can help identify the newest biological and chemical hazards.
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- Lithium-Ion battery response equipment. This will include cellblock containers used for smaller lithium-ion battery fires. As well as electric vehicle response equipment.
- Training/Conferences. The department would send members to the latest training and hazmat conferences to learn about emerging hazmat threats and mitigation tactics. Also, purchasing new training technology and simulation software.
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- Updated Personal Protection Equipment to provide the safest protection to personnel responding to hazmat incidents.
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- F-150 Lightning Electric Vehicle. This vehicle will increase the response capability during a hazmat incident. The vehicle will increase the ability to transport equipment and personnel to the incident scene.
- Air Supply Unit. A new retrofitted cargo body will allow the department to continue providing refilling of SCBA breathing air at incidents involving hazardous atmospheres.



Very truly yours,

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