



# Burlington Fire Department

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To: Bob Rusten, Chief Administrative Officer

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RE: Grant opportunity

The standards governing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) have been updated by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA). Our comprehensive maintenance program and upgrades performed over years have allowed the department to maintain its inventory of SCBA (some as old as 34 years "1979") within standard. The upcoming standard change will require the department to either upgrade and in most cases remove from service our entire inventory of SCBA by 2018.

Therefore I would like to apply for a grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) to begin the process of replacing and upgrading the departments SCBA inventory. The departments Compressor/Filling Station and 39 SCBA (due to age) qualify for this years grant process.

This grant program has a 10% to 15% matching requirement, therefore the City would have to fund a balance of approximately \$31,758.80 to \$47,638.20 starting in FY 2015. However, if we have to buy this equipment without a grant the cost to the City would be the entire amount of approximately \$317,588.00.

If we are awarded I will come to the Board of Finance and the City Council to seek approval to accept this grant,

If you or members of the Board of Finance have any concerns or questions about applying for this grant I would be happy to attend the next Board of Finance meeting.