

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 57-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT REQUEST TO THE MESA COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT FOR COMPLETION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AT THE COLORADO LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER

RECITALS.

At its September 5, 2018 meeting the City Council considered and for the reasons stated, authorizes an application for a grant to complete the concrete infrastructure necessary for firefighter training at the Colorado Law Enforcement Training Center.

The fire department does not currently have a dedicated facility in which to train firefighters using live-fire. This type of facility is needed to ensure that our firefighters are competent in all aspects of fire suppression and tactics. Without a dedicated burn facility, we are reliant on local property owners to donate structures to use for burn training. This practice is problematic due to the intermittent availability of these structures and the varying quality of the building itself that severely limits the type and amount of training that can be done safely in the structure. There are currently no live-fire training facilities in Mesa County. During fire recruit academy live-fire training, the fire department utilizes live-fire facilities at locations in Dotsero and Rifle, Colorado. In the past, the fire department has also utilized facilities in Rangely, Colorado. These facilities come with other issues such as cost for travel, rent of the facility, and payment of the facility's employees to be present during the live-fire evolutions.

The addition of a dedicated burn facility would allow us to train our firefighters in a consistent and safe manner without the dangers of acquired structures or travel to other areas on the Western Slope. The City and the Fire Department have already made a significant financial commitment to the fire training site on Whitewater Hill, and the fire department is also working with the Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control to secure a grant to place a modular fire training building at this site. If successful, the site would be home to a variety of firefighting training tools and props that would be available to not only the Grand Junction Fire Department, but also to the other fire agencies in Mesa County and the region. This collaborative effort would create the only live burn facility in Mesa County and one of only a handful of facilities on the Western Slope. The Grand Junction Fire Department will pay for the cost of the foundation infrastructure required to place the building at the site, and this grant would allow for the installation of the remaining concrete and asphalt needed to complete the site and prepare the facility for use.

The total estimated project cost is \$265,000.00 and has been partially funded in the 2018 fire department budget. If awarded the grant would pay \$185,500.00 and the fire

department would make up the matching funds balance of \$79,500.00 through funds requested in the 2018 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Grand Junction supports and authorized submittal of a grant request to the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District for \$185,500.00 for the completion of concrete infrastructure for firefighter training at the Colorado Law Enforcement Training Center, in accordance with and pursuant to the recitals stated above and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with MCFMLD if the grant is awarded.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2018



President of the City Council Pro Tem

ATTEST:



City Clerk

