

October 22, 2019 – presented for approval.

1 R2019-62: AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
2 SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL
3 CONTROL (SCDHEC) GRANT IN AID PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,835
4 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (BPE) FOR
5 FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT
6 OF ACTIVE SHOOTER AND MASS CASUALTY INCIDENTS (AS/MCIS);
7 AFFIRMING THE ALLOCATION OF \$165 FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
8 EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT TO MEET THE 5.5% MATCHING REQUIREMENT; AND
9 OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

10 **Applicant/Purpose:** Staff / to authorize the City's submittal of an application for the
11 SCDHEC Grant in Aid Program.

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13 **Brief:**

- 14 • FEMA is encouraging Fire & Emergency Services personnel to wear BPE along w/
15 the requisite training & building sufficient public safety resources & capabilities
16 to quickly triage, treat, & evacuate victims located w/in or near an AS/MCI area.
- 17 • If awarded, the grant would purchase three(3) BPE's

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19 **Issues:**

- 20 • In proposed resolution Council grants permission to the City Manager to apply
21 for the grant w/ the required 5.5% match.
- 22 • This grant further supports the safety needs of our 1st responders.

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24 **Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification.

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26 **Alternatives:**

- 27 • Do not pass resolution.
- 28 • Amend resolution.

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30 **Financial Impact:** The 5.5% required match = \$165.

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32 **Manager's Recommendation:** I recommend approval.

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34 **Attachment(s):** Proposed resolution, grant application.

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CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourages the purchase of BPE for fire/rescue and EMS personnel whose duties may include response to AS/MCIs and entry into a "warm zone" to support the rapid triage, treatment, and extrication of the wounded,

WHEREAS, the SCDHEC Grant in Aid program was established to provide financial assistance to improve and upgrade the EMS System in order to increase training, reduce injury, and minimize the loss of life,

WHEREAS, the SCDHEC Grant in Aid program will provide three (3) BPEs for Fire and EMS personnel,

WHEREAS, the City of Myrtle Beach Fire and Emergency Services team must be prepared to respond to AS/MCIs,

WHEREAS, they must build sufficient public safety resources and capabilities to quickly triage, treat, and evacuate victims located within or near an AS/MCI area, and;

WHEREAS, providing Fire and EMS teams with proper BPE, along with the requisite training, directly supports this critical capability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Myrtle Beach, in Council duly assembled, that

1. The City Manager and his designees are hereby authorized to submit application for a Grant in Aid from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control in the proposed amount of \$2,835.00 (94.5% State) for the purposes described in the above findings.
2. The allocation of \$165.00 from the Fire Department equipment account in the General Fund is hereby approved for use as 5.5% matching funds for the SCDHEC Grant in Aid.
3. Upon approval of the subject grant, the acceptance, appropriation, and recording of the grant funds in the amount of \$2,835.00 or other such approved amount is hereby authorized.

4. The City Manager and his designees are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the grant agreement and such related documents as may be required for this purpose.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED, this 22nd day of October, 2019.

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER STANFORD, CITY CLERK