

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2014-15 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT  
APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Fire Department is committed to firefighting performance standards that assure the safety of firefighters; and

WHEREAS; to assure firefighter safety, a backup team, known as the Rapid Intervention Crew, is put in place on every working fire in which Greensboro firefighters operate inside a burning structure.

WHEREAS; the Rapid Intervention Crew is ready in the event that one or more interior firefighters gets into trouble and firefighter rescue is its sole responsibility, and a thermal imaging camera is essential when searching for a downed firefighter; and

WHEREAS, The Greensboro Fire Department currently has a limited number of thermal imaging cameras and needs to add nine (9) additional devices in order to meet the Department's level of safety performance goals.

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Fire Department is eligible to apply to the US Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a grant application for purchasing critical search and rescue equipment resulting in dramatic increases in civilian rescue, firefighter safety and overall fire ground performance; and

WHEREAS, a local matching fund of \$9,450 may leverage \$85,050 of Federal FEMA funds for a total grant equipment budget of \$94,500.

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Fire Department plans to apply for this 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Thermal Imaging Cameras on December 4, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the request to apply to the US Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Thermal Imaging Cameras in the amount of \$85,050 include a local match of \$9,450 from the General Funds, for a total grant budget of \$94,500.