

# City of Willoughby Hills

## RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2

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### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OBTAINING A GRANT THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE PURCHASE OF 22 NEW SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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**WHEREAS**, annually, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers millions of dollars to local fire departments across the country who seek assistance in funding for items including equipment, staffing and training; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 27, 2016, the Council of the City of Willoughby Hills adopted Resolution No. 2016-13 in support of obtaining a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the replacement of 26 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) as well as 35 complete sets of turnout gear, 70 hoods, 70 gloves, and 30 boots; and

**WHEREAS**, the total budget cost of the abovementioned equipment was \$297,531 with the grant share being \$283,363 which left the City being responsible for \$14,168; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 23, 2018, the Willoughby Hills Fire Department submitted an application, attached here to as the "Exhibit A", consisting of twenty-seven (27) pages, requesting funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program under Operations and Safety provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), specifically for the purchase of 22 new SCBA units at a cost of \$8,500 per unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the new SCBA units will exceed the new requirements outlined in the 2019 Edition of the 1981 and 1982 standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost budget amount for the abovementioned equipment is \$195,000 with the federal grant funding to be \$185,715, leaving the City responsible for \$9,285.00; and

**WHEREAS**, in his Interoffice Memo to Council President Fellows, Council Members and Council Clerk, dated February 1, 2019, the Mayor stated that notification of the award status should be received from FEMA between April and August of 2019; however, he is requesting Council to move forward quickly, to consider this legislation to be an emergency with a waiver of the Three Readings.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:***

**SECTION 1.** The Council of the City of Willoughby Hills is in support of securing equipment required to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters while providing a continuum of support for its emergency responders.

**SECTION 2.** The Council of Willoughby Hills having reviewed the application for the grant, raised questions concerning the accuracy of the supporting data. Specifically, employment and cost of living statistics provided appear to be contrary to other known sources. This Council supports the grant application without consenting to the statistics within the application.

**SECTION 3.** The total cost budget amount of \$195,000 for said equipment is to be funded by a grant obtained through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with the federal share to be \$185,715 and the City's required share to be \$9,285.00.

**SECTION 4.** The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willoughby Hills insofar as it provides for the usual daily operation of the municipality and further reason the timely procurement of equipment required to immediately improve the safety and efficiency of our firefighters; wherefore this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: March 14, 2019

Nancy E. Fellows  
Nancy E. Fellows  
President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval  
On this 14 day of March 2019

Approved by the Mayor

March 14, 2019

ATTEST:

Victoria Ann Savage  
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Clerk of Council

Robert M. Weger  
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Mayor