

STAFF REPORT

Date: **October 9, 2024**

To: **Mayor and City Council**

Through: **Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager**

Subject: **Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization to Purchase four fire apparatus and associated equipment for the Reno Fire Department (RFD) from vendors utilizing various joinder/cooperative purchasing agreements in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 332.195(1) (Joinder), and/or the City’s Purchasing Policy, in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000. (General Fund)**

From: **Dave Cochran, Fire Chief**

Department: **Fire Department**

Summary:

As part of the fiscal year (FY) 2025 budget, Council allocated funds to replace department front-line apparatus that have exceeded their useful life. Staff requests Council approval to purchase one ladder truck, one squad truck, one air truck, and one ambulance with their associated outfitting equipment in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000. Staff will purchase the vehicle and equipment in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 332.195 and the City's Purchasing Policy (City Policy 303). Staff recommends Council approve the purchase of four fire apparatus as part of the FY25 replacement plan and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the purchase order(s).

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	X	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?	X	
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	.347%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Fiscal Sustainability
Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

September 13, 2023 – Council approved the purchase of five pieces of fire apparatus and associated outfitting from various vendors pursuant to NRS 332.195 (Joinder) utilizing the Houston-Galveston Area Council Buy (HGACBuy) Cooperative Purchasing Program (Contract FS 12-17), in an amount not to exceed \$3,620,000. (General Fund)

Discussion:

Pursuant to City Policy 303, staff will administer the purchase of the fire apparatus and associated outfitting from various vendors in accordance with NRS 332.195 as part of the FY25 Apparatus Replacement Program. Staff has determined the listed equipment below to be the most economical and effective equipment for meeting the FY 24/25 operational needs of the department.

- 1 Ladder Truck
- 1 Squad Truck
- 1 Air Truck
- 1 Ambulance

These vehicles and equipment are anticipated to be received and placed into service before the end of FY 2025.

As a cost-saving measure, existing equipment (such as light bars, sirens, cages, utility bodies, etc.), will be recycled and used in the outfitting of new equipment where practical or used for repairs on existing equipment when repairs are needed.

The vehicles recommended for replacement have reached the end of their scheduled service life or met another replacement factor outlined by fire fleet staff. Staff recommends the replacement of these vehicles to avoid costly repairs; however, the specific equipment identified in the replacement list and mentioned above as part of the FY25 buy will be subject to change as a result of accidents, mechanical failures, grant funding, or market conditions. Additionally, if unforeseen savings are produced from the above acquisitions, RFD will replace additional pieces of equipment or vehicles that are past the end of their scheduled service life or have met another replacement factor.

Financial Implications:

Council previously authorized funds for this purchase in the approved FY25 budget (General Fund) under account 30035 – Fire Capital Project Fund.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approve the purchase of four fire apparatus and associated equipment from various vendors utilizing the various joinder/cooperative purchasing agreements in accordance with NRS 332.195(1) (Joinder), and/or the City's Purchasing Policy, in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000 and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the purchase order(s).

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments: