



# Council Agenda Report

**From:** Jonathan Stornetta, Fire Chief

**Subject:** Approval of Purchase of Extrication Equipment

CEQA Determination: Finding the approval exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), which states that CEQA does not apply to the approval involves organizational or administrative matters of the government that will not result in either a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

**Date:** February 21, 2023

---

## Facts

1. Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services (PRFES) submitted a grant request to the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the Regional Crash Response and Extrication Improvement Program. The purpose of the grant is to enhance extrication equipment currently carried on responding apparatus; some of the tools purchased will be replacing equipment that is more than 20 years old.
2. On January 17, 2023, the City Council formally [accepted the grant award](#). Tonight's action authorizes the City Manager to purchase the equipment listed below given that the equipment exceeds their purchasing parameters.

## Options

1. Take no action; or
2. Authorize the purchase of extrication equipment listed in the OTS grant in the amount of \$119,245.37; or
3. Amend or modify the resolution as submitted; or
4. Provide alternative direction to staff.

## Analysis and Conclusions

Over the last 20 years, automotive manufactures have significantly improved safety standards for vehicle occupants. Many vehicles are now reinforced with materials that far exceed the capabilities of the current extrication equipment. As a result, PRFES staff submitted a grant request of \$117,000.

The City's purchasing policy allows for quotation and bid requirements to be waived if it is in the City's best interest to be served by a particular vendor, including ensuring that equipment is consistent with current inventory. Given the current equipment in the fire engines today, staff recommends utilizing this sole source vendor.

## Fiscal Impact

The total cost of the extrication equipment is \$119,245.37. As previously mentioned, the City was awarded a grant for \$117,000 towards the purchase of this equipment. This results in approximately \$2,200 of additional City cost, which is being covered by Fire and Emergency Services Department's current operating budget.

## Recommendation

Approve Resolution 23-XXX, authorizing the purchase of extrication equipment listed in the OTS grant in the amount of \$119,245.37, and declare that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act,

State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), which states that CEQA does not apply where the approval involves organizational or administrative matters of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

**Attachments**

1. Resolution 23-XXX