



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

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FIN-HFD FY26 Equipment Appropriation

Agenda Item#: 38.

**Summary:**

ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,575,000 out of the Fire Consolidated Construction Fund for equipment replacement for the Houston Fire Department.

**Background:**

The Director of Finance recommends that City Council adopt an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$5,575,000.00 from the Fire Consolidated Construction Fund (4500).

Bunker Gear: (\$2,375,000) There are approximately 3600 sets of bunker gear assigned in the field. HFD replaces approximately 10% of the bunker gear per year because of mandatory retirement due to age. Additional gear is retired prematurely due to excessive wear or damage from heat, smoke, and other fire hazards. (WBS C-EQ0001)

Emergency Life Safety Equipment: (\$2,700,000) HFD has approximately 3,600 employees in the emergency response area that require life safety equipment. This allows the replacement of equipment that has reached its life expectancy and/or allows for the replacement of outdated/damaged equipment. Equipment such as air packs and air pack assemblies, radios and radio accessories, hydraulic stretchers, stair chairs, thermal imagers, suppression equipment, fire station ventilation equipment and other various equipment that are vital to HFD's operational needs. (WBS C-EQ0003)

Ballistic Gear: (\$500,000) HFD to replace current gear that was purchased with grant funding that is reaching its end-of-life cycle. Approximately 350 vests and helmets are to be replaced. (WBS C-EQ0006)

Funding is included in the FY26 Capital Improvement Plan.

This equipment will be purchased using existing contracts or SPD will return to council for approval of the purchases.

**Fiscal Note:**

No significant Fiscal Operating impact is anticipated as a result of this project.

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Chief Business Officer/Director of Finance  
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**Amount and Source of Funding:**

\$ 5,575,000 - Fire Consolidated Construction Fund (4500)

\$ 5,575,000 - Total FY26 Equipment Appropriation

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

Budget Posting  
Form A's

**Type**

Financial Information  
Backup Material