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Authorization of a grant application to the 2018 Emergency Responder Health and Wellness Grant.

Summary:

The VFIS of Texas (Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services) and Texas Mutual Insurance Company are co-sponsoring this grant opportunity for Health & Wellness related items. Grants are awarded based on need, and are up to \$5,000. The Fire Department will apply for \$5,000 to pay for applicant physicals (currently costing \$295 each) and additional wellness-related equipment.

The City currently pays for physical exams for volunteer firefighter applicants, just as with preemployment physicals for job applicants. This program would allow the funding for firefighter physicals to be utilized for other wellness-related items, such as workout equipment.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

This funding would alleviate some of the current costs for physical exams.

Staff recommends that council approve this grant request.