



**BACKGROUND:** The Sanitation Authority, Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew), operates and maintains the sewage system for the City of Alexandria. Alex Renew will be constructing a storage tunnel that will require safety emergency rescue procedures. The Alexandria Fire Department has agreed to assist with identifying and supporting incident response protocols during the tunnel's construction. The department has also agreed to provide a project liaison and any necessary training to ensure safety regulations are satisfied. The funds for the grant program will be provided by AlexRenew and Alexandria Fire will be reimbursed \$250,000 in personnel and equipment costs.

**DISCUSSION:** The City of Alexandria Fire Department has entered into a MOU with Alexandria Renew Enterprises. The purpose of this agreement is to establish a working relationship between the two departments and ensure proper federal safety regulations are met with AlexRenew's River Renew Program. The contractor responsible for Alex Renewal Tunnel construction will be required to develop an Emergency Action Plan in accordance with OSHA Standard, 29 CFR 1926. A project Liaison responsible for the Contractor's Safety will be required and will maintain routine communication between Alex Renewal and Alexandria Fire. The Contractor will also be tasked with routine emergency response training. The tunnel is anticipated to be completed by July 2025.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Fire Department has outlined the costs of training, personnel time, and equipment to support AlexRenew during period of this process. AlexRenew has agreed to reimburse the City fully for these costs. The items are discussed in the MOU and total \$250,000. City staff will administer the grant. There is no cash match requirement.

**ATTACHMENT:** MOU between City of Alexandria and AlexRenew

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