



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENTS: Finance, Fire

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DATE: May 7, 2024

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton ratifying the submission of an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in the amount of \$1,110,774 to fund the salaries and benefits of three additional full-time employees; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Denton Fire Department (DFD) is seeking a \$1,110,774 grant through FEMA's SAFER grant program to fully fund three full-time positions over a three-year period. The 2023 SAFER submission is to align with the DFD 10-year staffing plan, which identifies FTE's to be designated shift-based EMS Lieutenants, charged with developing a Community Paramedic Program (CPP). A Denton Fire Department CPP focuses fewer resources on high 911 users for non-emergent care, relieving the use of front-line ambulance crews by providing home visits focusing on expanded access to healthcare, preventative care, and chronic disease management. The proposed EMS Lieutenants would also be trained on National Fire Protection Association 1521: Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer which incorporates safety management, risk assessment, incident scene safety, and personnel accountability to ensure the safety of both firefighters and the public during emergency responses.

Grant applications were due on April 12, 2024. Award announcements for the SAFER grant are expected within months with a performance period of three years after the grant award is made. A proposed grant application requesting the addition of new positions and applications requesting \$100,000 or more require approval from the governing body authorizing or ratifying the application submittal as well as receipt of funding if awarded.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The grant fully funds positions for a term of three years. Funding for the positions will be included in the Fire Department's operating budget in the fourth and outgoing years.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 Resolution

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