



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Finance

ACM: Cassey Ogden

DATE: March 21, 2023

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton ratifying the submission of an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in the amount of \$2,178,000 to fund the salaries and benefits of six full-time employees to staff an aerial truck; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Denton Fire Department (DFD) is seeking a \$2,178,000 grant through FEMA's SAFER grant program to fully fund six full-time positions to staff an additional aerial truck over a three-year period. The 2022 SAFER submission is to align with the DFD 10-year staffing plan, which identifies FY 23/24 and FY 24/25 as the years to increase staffing by 12 full-time employees to place a ladder truck in service at Fire Station 3 in 2025. Currently, the department has one ladder truck company to provide aerial support across the City.

Grant applications were due on March 17, 2023. Award announcements for the SAFER grant are expected within months with a performance period of June 2023 to May 2026. 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

Respectfully submitted:
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Grants Management Office