



Legislation Text

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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

FROM: A. Jerome Fletcher II, ICMA-CM, MPA, City Manager

TITLE: Approve the Application to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant in the Amount of \$5,754,871.26 for 18 Firefighters and Authorize the City Manager or the Mayor, as Applicable Under the City Charter, to Execute all Funding Documents After Legal Review, Should the Grant be Awarded to the City.

Recommended Action

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Background Information

The SAFER Grant program was created to provide funding to Fire Departments (and to volunteer, firefighter interest organizations) in order to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "frontline" firefighters available in their communities.

The Fire Rescue Department has submitted a grant request to cover the salary and benefits of 18 Firefighter personnel. The personnel would staff existing and future planned Fire Rescue stations in the City. If awarded, the grant would cover salaries and benefits for the first three years. Matching funds are not required. The City would be responsible for salaries and benefits beginning in the fourth year. If awarded, the City expects to receive a total of \$5,754,871.26 over the course of three years, beginning in Fiscal Year 2025. Future costs for these permanent positions will be budgeted in the yearly budget going forward.

This is a reimbursable grant, meaning the City will spend first and then request reimbursement from the granting agency. The grant application deadline was Friday, April 12, 2024. Notification of award is expected in the Fall of 2024.

If awarded, the City Attorney will review the SAFER Grant to ensure it is legally correct as to form.

Strategic Plan

Safe Community Pillar

Financial Impact

Account	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
001-2222-526.12-00/110-2222-522.12-00 Regular Salaries	\$961,835.45	\$1,009,927.31	\$1,060,423.67
001-2222-526.13-00/110-2222-522.13-00 Overtime	\$179,441.39	\$188,413.46	\$197,834.13

001-2222-526.21-00/110-2222-522.21-00 FICA	\$87,307.68	\$91,673.06	\$96,256.72
001-2222-526.22-01/110-2222-522.22-01 FRS	\$372,855.15	\$391,497.91	\$411,072.80
001-2222-526.23-00/110-2222-522.23-00 Insurance - Health	\$209,990.88	\$220,490.42	\$231,514.95
001-2222-526.23-02/110-2222-522.23-02 Vision Insurance	\$825.12	\$866.38	\$909.69
001-2222-526.23-04/110-2222-522.23-04 Life/ADD/Dis	\$4,866.21	\$5,109.52	\$5,365.00
001-2222-526.23-04/110-2222-522.23-04 Dental	\$8,372.52	\$8,791.14	\$9,230.70
Total	\$1,825,494.40	\$1,916,769.20	\$2,012,607.66

After the three-year grant program, the salary and benefits for the 18 positions become the City's responsibility. From year four through retirement, salary & benefits will be covered by the Fire Rescue District's annual budget as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Procurement

Not applicable.

Attachments:

1. SAFER FY24 Application

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