

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ESTABLISHING COUNCIL COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR THE 2018 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT TO HIRE 12 FIREFIGHTERS

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista Fire Department delivers Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services to Chula Vista residents and visitors daily; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department strives to meet its performance metrics and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1710 standards; and

WHEREAS, the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments to help them increase or maintain the number of trained "front line" firefighters available in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the SAFER grant is to enhance local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards established by NFPA 1710; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER grant, if awarded and accepted, will provide funding to hire and train 12 new firefighters to staff a ninth engine company with four firefighters; and

WHEREAS, adding 12 firefighters is projected to improve NFPA compliance, with 14 firefighters arriving at a fire within 620 seconds by 21% in the eastern parts of the city; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER grant is a cost-sharing grant that covers personnel and direct benefits with a three-year performance period with the Federal cost sharing of \$3,027,659 and the City cost sharing of \$1,882,057 from the General Fund/Measure A; and

WHEREAS, commitment via Council Resolution such as this one is required by DHS as part of the grant application process; and

WHEREAS, support and commitment of the SAFER grant application does not obligate the City to accept a grant award offer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, there is commitment and support of the Fire Department application for the 2018 Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant to hire 12 firefighters.

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