

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING THE 2016 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO HIRE 12 FIREFIGHTERS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL RELATED DOCUMENTATION, HIRING AND PROCUREMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS GRANT

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

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista Fire Department does not meet Growth Management Oversight Commission response standards, or National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1710 staffing and response standards; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2017 the Fire Department applied for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grants (SAFER); and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Federal Grant was created to fund fire department staffing to increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in communities; and

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

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2017 the City Council approved resolution 2017-077 to establish commitment and support for the Fire Department to apply for the SAFER grant to hire twelve (12) firefighter to staff four engine companies with four firefighters; and

WHEREAS, 12 new firefighters department wide, may increase NFPA 1710 compliance by 11% with the arrival of four firefighters arriving at a fire within 380 seconds; and by 23% with the arrival of 14 firefighters arriving at a fire within 620 seconds; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2017 the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the Fire Department of the fiscal year 2016 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant award; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER grant is a cost sharing grant that covers personnel and direct benefits with a three-year performance period starting on January 24, 2018 through January 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Federal award share is \$2,264,466 and a City's share is \$1,407,642 for a total project cost of \$3,672,108; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant award requires the City to abide by the Homeland Security Grant policies and procedures and to remain compliant the City is obligated to maintain these new staffing levels through the performance period and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends that Council accepts this grant award and staff will return to Council at a later date with actual cost associated with academy and salary and benefits and proposed funding source to appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing fiscal impact to the City beyond the grant performance period is estimated at \$2 million dollars per year and will be included in the City Manager proposed budget and considered by the City Council as part of the annual budget process.

WHEREAS, As the City continues to grow additional fire personnel will be needed to serve the Millenia and Bayfront Fire Stations. Economic conditions at the time may necessitate the transfer of the 12 firefighters, discussed in this report, over to the new stations until sufficient funds become available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, accepts the Fiscal Year 2016 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to hire 12 firefighters and authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute all related documentation, hiring, and procurement associated with this grant.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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Glen R. Googins
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