

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 2016 DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) 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 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, the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (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 department's abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by NFPA 1710; and

WHEREAS, the City will implement the grant in a manner consistent with its City Charter and applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, successful acquisition of the SAFER grant will provide funding to hire and train 12 new firefighters to staff four engine companies with four firefighters; and

WHEREAS, 12 new firefighters department wide, will 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, the City agrees to maintain the SAFER grant staffing levels and incur no layoffs during the performance period; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER grant is a cost sharing grant that covers personnel and direct benefits with a three-year performance period; with a Federal share of \$2,264,466 and a City share of \$1,407,642; and

WHEREAS, the total City fiscal impact within the three-year grant performance period is \$4,179,738 to hire, train, and staff four engine companies with four firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing fiscal impact to the City beyond the grant performance period is \$2,224,018 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that Council commitment and support is established for application for the 2016 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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