

Commissioners Court Meeting

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Meeting Date: 10/22/2018

SAFER Hiring Grant- Award Acceptance

Department: Fire Suppression & EMS Services

Subject:

Discussion and possible action to authorize the acceptance of a FY 2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Hiring Grant, in the amount of \$1,281,601.00, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. Grant is for the hiring of fire department personnel and covers salary and fringe benefits; this grant requires a cash match of \$796,670 over a three year period ending in 2022. Webb County cash match will be: Year 1=\$173,189, Year 2=\$173,189, and Year 3=\$450,292.00. Matching funds have been identified by Budget Officers. All required documents were sent to the Economic Development Department and were found in compliance with the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) policy. **[Requested by Ricardo Rangel, Fire & EMS Chief; Fund 2471]**

Issue: Personnel needed for expansion of fire department in northwest Webb County, to be in NFPA compliance, and for safety of department personnel.

Solution: Accept the SAFER grant award applied for in spring 2018 for the purpose of hiring fire department personnel.

Result: Enhanced fire department services, including fire suppression, to deal with emergency incidents in a safe and coordinated manner.

Background:

The purpose of the SAFER Grant Program is to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.

Previous Court Action:

This grant application was authorized for submission on 04/24/2018.

Fiscal Impact

Budget

Account TBD

Number:

Funding Acct. Name
Source:

Balance: TBD

Financial Impact:

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