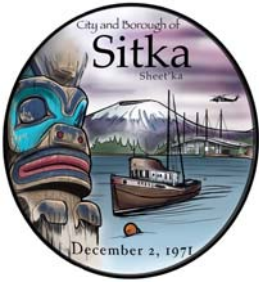


POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2022-03 on first and final reading authorizing a grant application to the Federal Emergency management Agency FY23 25 SAFER Grant.



City and Borough of Sitka

PROVIDING FOR TODAY...PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

A Coast Guard City

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator

From: Craig Warren, Fire Chief

Date: 01/25/2022

Subject: Approval of Resolution for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, FY2023, FY2024 and FY2025.

Background

The FEMA SAFER grant award would provide 100% of the base salary and benefits for a Fire Engineer position at the EMT 1 level for 36 months. There are no cost sharing or matching requirements for this grant.

Analysis

The SAFER grant is a means to provide direct funding to fire departments to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "Front Line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal is to enhance local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established in NFPA 1720.

Fiscal Note

While the grant covers base salary and benefits for the position, it does not cover overtime or standby pay/benefits incurred on overtime or standby pay. An estimate based on the prior 3-year average cost of overtime, standby pay and added benefits is \$100,000 over the three years. Should this grant be approved, an appropriation requesting full funding of the position will come forward and will exceed the grant amount by \$33,333/year. With the addition of this position staff hope to reduce overtime incurred, but also want to ensure that the potential amount not covered by the grant is not understated. This grant is federally funded and will be included as part of the CBS annual single audit.

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 2022-03 authorizing the Municipal Administrator to apply for this grant and execute it should it be awarded.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – FY23-25 SAFER GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Fire Department seeks to obtain financial assistance
12 to fund one full-time Fire Engineer position; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has a 36 month new Fire Engineer
15 through the SAFER grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Grant program will provide 100% of the entry-level base salary and 18
18 benefits for a full-time position for a three-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka
21 that the Administrator is authorized to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency –
22 FY23-25 SAFER grant and execute any grant awards.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, 25
25 Alaska on this 25th day of January, 2022.

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

33 Sara Peterson, MMC
34 Municipal Clerk

36 1st and final reading 1/25/2022

38 Sponsor: Administrator