



Request for Council Action

TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Tim Murray, City Administrator
FROM: Dustin Dienst, Fire Chief
MEETING DATE: March 24, 2020
SUBJECT: Resolution 2020-053 Authorization to Apply for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Grant

Background:

The Faribault Fire Department is committed to and expected to provide a timely, effective and professional service to the people in our response district.

The City of Faribault has a rich history of providing superior emergency response by utilizing the staffing model that I believe is the best model for a City and fire district of our size. The combination-staffing model employs both full-time fire fighters and paid-on-call firefighters to provide service to our coverage area. This model is fiscally responsible without sacrificing precious response time.

As our City grows so does our workload and call volume. In just the past five years, our emergency run call volume has increased 26.82%. A vast majority of our calls are medical in nature. These calls do not require a large number of personnel but do require timely response. Adequate staffing is required in order to respond to every call in a timely manner. The addition of three full-time firefighters (one to each shift) has multiple advantages not only to emergency calls but also to all the other services that we deliver.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a grant program to assist Cities with fire department staffing. This grant is named the S.A.F.E.R. grant. It stands for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response. I would like to apply for this grant to ease the budget impact of adding three full-time firefighters.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2020-053, authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the SAFER grant for the addition of three full-time firefighters.

Attachments:

- Resolution 2020-053
- Grant Summary Form

CITY OF FARIBAULT

RESOLUTION #2020-053

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND
EMERGENCY RESPONSE (S.A.F.E.R.) GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Faribault Fire Department is responsible for fire and life safety response in the city of Faribault and the Rural Fire District; and

WHEREAS, our city is growing resulting in an increased call volume along with other workload issues; and

WHEREAS, the addition of three full-time firefighters would greatly enhance the safety, efficiency and effectiveness of both our response to emergency calls and the overall service that we provide to our community; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a grant program to assist municipalities financially with the adding of full-time firefighters to their departments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faribault Fire Department is hereby authorized to apply for the S.A.F.E.R. grant for the addition of three full-time firefighters.

Date Adopted: March 24, 2020

Faribault City Council

Kevin F. Voracek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Timothy C. Murray, City Administrator



GRANT SUMMARY FORM

Pre-Application Application Award Acceptance Amendment

Department: _____

Contact Person: _____

Grant Name: _____

Grantor: _____

Total Project Cost: _____ Total Award Amount: _____

Total Cash Match: _____ Total In-Kind Match: _____

Application Date: _____ Grant Period From _____ To _____

Funding Type (Federal, State, Other): _____

CFDA Number: _____ Electronic or Hardcopy Submission: _____

Project Description

How is the Match Amount Determined::

Fixed Amount: _____ or % of project cost _____ or Other

Explanation of Other:

For this City fiscal year, how much of the required local cash match amount is:

Already In Department Budget: _____ Not Budgeted: _____

Proposed Source of Match: _____

Director Approval

Administrator Approval
