

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE ON BEHALF OF THE TYLER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,451,782.08 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT TO HIRE SIX (6) NEW FIREFIGHTERS AND AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF SIX (6) NEW FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Tyler, Texas is a home rule municipality with the authority to participate in grant request submissions; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) administers the “Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response” (“SAFER”) Grant Program under the approval of the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the SAFER Grant Program is to enhance the local fire departments’ abilities to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720 and OSHA 1910.134); and

WHEREAS, the City of Tyler Fire Department has identified its need to increase staffing in order to enhance the ability to comply with the staffing, response, and operations standards as established by the NFPA and OSHA; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 SAFER Grant Program allows for Fire Departments to hire new firefighters for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 SAFER Grant Program will cover the cost of Salary and Benefits in full for New Hires for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 SAFER Grant Program requires no cost share or match on behalf of the City of Tyler for the entire three (3) year grant performance period or after the grant performance period has ended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tyler Fire Department (“Fire Department”) applied for six (6) new firefighter positions and was awarded a SAFER Grant in the amount of \$1,451,782.08 to fund the six (6) positions that were requested; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department currently has 162 authorized Firefighter positions. The award of the 2021 SAFER Grant will require the City Council to authorize the creation of six (6) new positions, which will improve the Fire Department’s ability to effectively and safely respond

to Emergency Incidents to include, but not limited to: Structure Fires, Hazardous Materials Releases and Technical Rescues; and

WHEREAS, it is considered to be in the public interest to obtain and use grant funds for the above public purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:

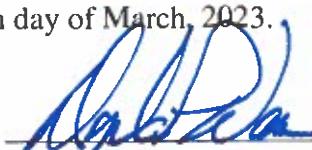
PART 1: That the City Council of the City of Tyler approves the acceptance of the 2021 SAFER Program Grant Award in the amount of \$1,451,782.08 to fund six (6) new firefighter positions at the Tyler Fire Department for three years. The SAFER Program Grant Award will cover the cost of salary and benefits in full, and requires no cost share or match on behalf of the City of Tyler for the entire three (3) year grant performance period or after the grant performance period has ended;

PART 2: That the City Council hereby resolves and affirms to the Federal Emergency Management Agency the City of Tyler's intent to comply with all of the assurances set forth in the grant award agreement and all laws, regulations, and circulars incorporated by reference in the grant agreement.

PART 3: That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to accept the 2021 SAFER Program Grant Award and/or take any necessary actions related to the grant on behalf of the City of Tyler.

PART 4: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 8th day of March, 2023.



DONALD P. WARREN, MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:


CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


DEBORAH G. PULLUM
CITY ATTORNEY

