

RESOLUTION NO. 4916

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE FY2019 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security provides funds through the SAFER Grant Program to assist fire departments in increasing the number of firefighters to meet industry minimum standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks Fire Department has requested an increase in staffing for several years; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Grant Program will provide funding for new firefighters for a period of three years covering 100% of the funding for the cost of a first-year firefighter for 3 years with no retention requirement after the third year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks received notice of the changes in the grant on May 15, 2020 and the grant application is due on May 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks Fire Department wishes to increase its overall staffing by three firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks wishes to request \$1,023,669.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents required to apply for funds on behalf of the City for the FY2019 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant.

PASSED and APPROVED this ____ Day of May 2020.

Jim Matherly, City Mayor

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
FAILED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 4916

Abbreviated Title: FFY2019 SAFER GRANT PROGRAM

Department(s): FIRE DEPARTMENT

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes X No _____

2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes X No _____

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes X No _____

If yes, how many positions? 3

If yes, type of positions? F (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

PROJECT EXPENSES:	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Total
Personnel Wages & Benefits (3 Firefighters)	\$301,473	\$301,473	\$301,473	\$904,419
Personnel Training Allowances (3 Firefighters)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$4,500
Personnel Uniform Allowances (3 Firefighters)	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$5,400
Personnel Equipment (3 Firefighters)	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Personnel Medical Evaluation (3 Firefighters)	\$2,700	\$0	\$0	\$2,700
Paramedic Training (3 Firefighters)	\$91,650	\$0	\$0	\$91,650
TOTAL	\$414,123	\$304,773	\$304,773	\$1,023,669

FUNDING SOURCE:	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Total
United States Department of Homeland Security	\$414,123	\$304,773	\$304,773	\$1,023,669
TOTAL	\$414,123	\$304,773	\$304,773	\$1,023,669

The City will have to maintain the current staffing levels at the Fire Department during the granting period. In addition, the City would have to retain the current four SAFER positions for two years for an estimated cost of \$812,728. The City is not obligated to maintain the positions beyond the three-year grant period. The wages and costs were calculated at the current rate with no increases for subsequent years.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ADMIN STAFF	5	5	5	5	5	5
FIREFIGHTERS	38	42	42	45	45	45
	<u>43</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
SAFER GRANT	-	4	4	7	3	3
GENERAL FUND	43	43	43	43	47	47
RETENTION COST					\$406,364	\$406,364

Reviewed by Finance Department:

Initial CP/mb

Date 5/21/2020