


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO: (1) ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2021 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$27,392,155.00); (2) ACCEPT, APPROPRIATE, AND ADMINISTER SAID SAFER FUNDS; AND (3) EXPEND FUNDS TO HIRE UP TO THIRTY FIVE (35) FIREFIGHTERS AND/OR FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS FOR THE GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 23, 2023 TO OCTOBER 22, 2026, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S HIRING POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant funding program was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the SAFER grant program is to enhance local fire departments' ability to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The SAFER grant program provides funding for the salary and benefits of firefighters in eligible agencies with staffing needs; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2022, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) applied for and was awarded on April 26, 2023, a SAFER grant in the amount of Twenty-Seven Million, Three Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand and One Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$27,392,155.00); and

WHEREAS, in contrast to previous SAFER grant awards, the City of Oakland is not required to contribute a local cost match to accept this federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the total approved project cost is equal to the total amount awarded, (\$27,392,155.00); and

WHEREAS, adequate staffing in the Fire Department's Field Operations Bureau is essential to the City's ability to provide effective emergency response services to the residents of

Oakland and will allow the hiring of up to thirty-five (35) Firefighters and/or Firefighter Paramedics; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to accept Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response (SAFER) grant funds in the amount of Twenty-Seven Million, Three Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand And One Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$27,392,155.00); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to accept, appropriate, and administer SAFER grant funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to expend said SAFER grant funds to hire and fund up to thirty-five (35) Firefighters and/or Firefighter Paramedics for the Oakland Fire Department during the designated performance period from October 23, 2023, to October 22, 2026, unless otherwise extended by grantor, in accordance with the City's hiring policies; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That these SAFER funds shall be deposited into the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fund (2124), Field Operations Bureau, Organization (20411), Fire Suppression Program (PS 17) various accounts according to the grant award agreement (all personnel); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend this agreement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Attorney shall review and approve said agreement as to form and legality and copies of said agreement shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, JENKINS, RAMACHANDRAN, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California