

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) mission is to support United States citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards. In order to meet FEMA's mission, grant programs are offered to first responder agencies, such as the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER).

SAFER was created to provide funding directly to fire departments to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The SAFER Grants are offered to support projects to hire new, additional firefighters to improve staffing levels.

The objective of the SAFER grant program is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. Ultimately, SAFER recipients should achieve more efficient responses, thereby ensuring communities have improved protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

The 2017 SAFER grant program has \$345,000,000 of available funding that it is projected to award to 300 departments and/or organizations' projects. The 2017 SAFER grant program's Notice of Funding Opportunity was released on March 1, 2018. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) will be submitting an application for the 2017 SAFER grant requesting funding for an additional 42 firefighter positions totaling approximately \$25M.

If this amount is awarded, the City share would be approximately \$10M over the three year performance period. The application opens on March 26, 2018, and in order for the LAFD to be considered, its application must be submitted no later than April 27, 2018. It is necessary that Council authorize the LAFD to submit a grant application.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to take all necessary actions to apply for the 2017 SAFER grant.

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