

MOTION

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.

In 2017, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) was awarded \$15,468,782 from the 2016 SAFER grant program. With that funding, the LAFD was able staff four new engines that went into service July 2018, in Echo Park (Fire Station 20), Lincoln Heights (Fire Station 1), Reseda (Fire Station 73) and Mission Hills (Fire Station 75).

On August 24, 2018, the LAFD was notified that its application for the 2017 SAFER grant was approved in the amount of \$7,492,023. The federal share of the award is \$4,620,082, while the cost match for the City is \$2,871,941. With this funding, the LAFD will be able to staff a light force in ~~San Pedro~~ (Fire Station 38). It is necessary that Council authorize the LAFD to accept the grant award. *Wilmington*

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 accept the 2017 SAFER grant.

Presented by: 
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Seconded by: 

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