

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 122

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF TWO (2)  
APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FY 2022  
STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the availability of grant funding to local fire departments under the FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the SAFER Program is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, thus assuring that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, grants support two main activities: hiring and rehiring firefighters; and supporting volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention programs; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Program will provide for the following:

**Application EMW-2022-FF-00742 (Hiring of Firefighters)**

In this application, the Fire Department is looking to hire six (6) Firefighters/ EMT's- 2 on each shift to run a QRV to assist with Fire and EMS response. The funding requested in this application is all in for salary and benefits including pension contribution.

This application is for a total of about **\$2,000,000.00**, over a 3-year commitment.

**Application EMW-2022-FF-01401 (Hiring of/ Creating a Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Coordinator)**

In this application, the Fire Department is looking to obtain funding for a Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for \$10,000.00 annual salary for 4 years. Additionally in this request we are seeking funding for a trailer with tables and chairs suitable for recruitment style events. We are also asking for funds to purchase a computer with projector as well as print media including but not limited to yard signs, billboard space, wrap for trailer and other necessary supplies.

This application is for a total of about \$150,000.00, over a 4-year commitment.

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland Fire Department desires to submit the two (2) applications requesting funding under this program for the hiring of FF/EMT's for a period of 3 years and the Hiring of/ Creating a Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Coordinator (plus supplies), for a period of 4 years, with no commitment to retain newly hired firefighters beyond the period of performance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland:

1. THAT the City of Vineland Fire Department is hereby authorized to file two (2) applications with the U. S. Department of Homeland Security for participation in the FY 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program for the Hiring of six (6) Firefighters and the Hiring of/ Creating a Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Coordinator based upon funding as set forth herein.
2. THAT the Mayor or designee of the City of Vineland is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Applications and other related documents on behalf of the City of Vineland.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk