

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 368

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR VINELAND FIRE STATION #5 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT (ARPPFG) TO PROVIDE FIRST RESPONDERS WITH PROPER PROTECTIVE AND CLEANING EQUIPMENT, PROTECT AGAINST THE STRAIN OF EMERGENCY FIRE REQUESTS AND MAINTAIN PROPER VIRUS PROTECTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland Fire Department Fire Station # 5 desires to apply for a grant to be received from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$70,000.00 to support our fire department to ensure all members have proper fire protection, cleaning, and sanitization equipment and are properly protected against the combined threats of the COVID-19 virus and the strain of emergency fire requests is vital given the amount of calls for service; and

WHEREAS, \$70,000.00 is requested for Vineland Fire Station #5 for funding to be used to purchase firefighter turnout gear (PPE) including pants, coats, helmets, hoods, and gloves in accordance with NFPA Standards and best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Fire finds it in the City’s best interest to apply for such reimbursable State funding to help offset the rising costs of protective equipment in the fire industry; and

WHEREAS, each grant submission is shall be matched with a \$12,500.00 contribution from the City of Vineland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the application for such grant as well as the grant agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council recognizes and accepts that the Department of Community Affairs may offer a lessor or greater amount based upon all submissions and need and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any such grant agreement; and upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement by and between the City of Vineland and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Adopted: August 13, 2024

President of Council eaa

ATTEST:

City Clerk kp