

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Fire

AGENDA DATE: March 23, 2010

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Ralph Johnson

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

SAFER Grant

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The El Paso Fire Department (EPFD) seeks federal funding through the SAFER grant to fill 15 new entry-level firefighter positions to address and assist in providing increased levels of safety and response to the City of El Paso, Texas.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

None

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

General fund will provide the City's portion and will be budgeted for in the applicable fiscal year.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration 2009 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for hiring firefighters to enhance the safety of the Fire Department and protect the community from fire and fire-related hazards.

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the requirements of the grant regarding the retention of new hires and maintaining staffing levels, and is willing to commit to retaining the SAFER-funded fire fighters for one full year after the end of the period of performance with 100% of the funds for the retention to be paid by the City, as the City's local contribution or match in order to obtain the award of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council ratifies and concurs with the submission of the application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration 2009 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,632,809.00 for hiring firefighters to enhance the safety of the Fire Department to protect the community from fire and fire-related hazards; matching funds required from a recipient city in order to qualify for the award in the amount necessary to fully fund the retention of the SAFER-funded fire fighters for one full year after the end of the period of performance.

Dated this 23rd day of March 2010.

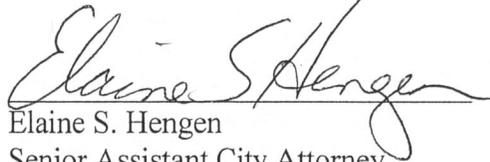
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John F. Cook, Mayor

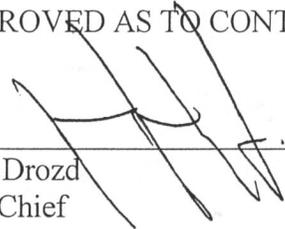
ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Elaine S. Hengen
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Otto Drozd
Fire Chief