



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 22-R-03 A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Republic Fire Chief to Apply for the Department of Homeland Security SAFER Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and emergency Response).

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Issue Statement

The Republic Fire Department is requesting authorization to apply for the Department of Homeland Security, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant.

Discussion and/or Analysis

If awarded this grant, the Republic Fire Department would add five (5) additional staff in the fourth quarter of 2022. The Federal contribution toward the costs of the salaries will diminish over the course of the three (3) year period. Federal Reimbursement is as follows; In the first and second years of the grant, 75 percent of the usual annual cost of an entry level firefighter. In the third year of the grant, 35 percent is the Federal match.

The cost break-down, over the three (3) years, for five (5) staff is as follows. These funds will be paid through Public Safety Sales Tax.

Year One:	City \$ 70,007.69	Federal \$ 210,023.06
Year Two:	City \$ 74,208.89	Federal \$ 222,624.45
Year Three:	City \$ 204,517.66	Federal \$ 110,124.89

It should be noted that this grant only pays for an entry level firefighter's salary. All cost involved with equipping /out fitting the staff members will come from the Fire Sales Tax fund.

Recommended Action

Chief Compton recommends approval to authorize the Fire Department to pursue applying for the Department of Homeland Security SAFER Grant.