

COMMITTEE REPORT



REPORT TYPE: Public Health and Safety Committee

MEETING: February 21, 2023

Present: Bob Newby, chair; LeAnn Durfey, Lonni Reisman, Ricky Thurman

Absent: none

DEPARTMENT: Fire

STAFF CONTACT: Robert Isbell

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider approval of application for a SAFER Grant

BACKGROUND:

The Stephenville Fire Department seeks approval to submit an application for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program provides funding directly to fire departments representing the interests of increasing the number of firefighters to help fire departments meet industry minimum standards.

The request would be for three (3) firefighters to be funded for three (3) years.

\$656,685 over the three year period.

The committee voted unanimously to forward the recommendation to Council.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

This is a no cost share grant for a three (3) year period. The city would absorb the cost at the beginning of year four (4).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Fund positions through budgetary process.
2. Not expand personnel resources.