

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: All Districts

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE 2006 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANTS PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE GRANT, IF AWARDED.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security administers the SAFER grant program to help fire departments hire new personnel. These are five year grants that pay a portion of the salaries and benefits of new firefighters hired under the program. DHS will provide up to \$103,500 per position during the grant period, while the Town is responsible for the cost difference between the SAFER funding provided and the actual payroll expenses. In each year of the grant, the federal share of the new hire's salary and benefits decreases, from \$37,260 provided in year one to \$12,420 in year four. The Town of Davie is responsible for 100% of the salary and benefits expenses in the fifth year.

Staff is requesting authorization to submit a grant application requesting assistance to hire nine new firefighters. If the grant is approved, the Town will receive \$931,500 toward the total cost of \$ 3,528,770 for these positions over the five year period.

Firefighter positions funded under the SAFER program must be in addition to the currently authorized and funded number of active firefighter positions. With this resolution, the Town Council authorizes the Town to apply for a SAFER grant and recognizes the cost-share nature of the program. The Town also agrees to retain the SAFER positions for the entire 5 year grant period and to maintain overall firefighter staffing at or above the current level during the grant period.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: R-2005-174 authorized Davie Fire Rescue to apply for a SAFER grant in 2005. That proposal was not awarded a grant.

CONCURRENCES: None

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? No. These positions would need to be budgeted to start during the 4th Quarter of FY 2006-2007 or the 1st Quarter of FY 2007-2008.

If yes, expected cost: N/A

If no, amount needed: \$ 3,528,770 (Federal share \$931,500, Town share \$2,597,270)

What account will funds be appropriated from: Personal Services / Salaries

RECOMMENDATIONS: Motion to approve resolution.

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution. Breakdown of program expenses per year.

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE 2006 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANTS PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE GRANT, IF AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) administers the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program (SAFER) to assist fire departments with the salary and benefit costs related to the hiring of new firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Davie Fire Rescue will request a SAFER grant to hire nine new firefighters to enhance the Town's protection from fire and fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that the SAFER program requires a sharing of program expenses between DHS and the Town of Davie, and that the Town's share of the payroll expenses for firefighters hired under the program increases over the five year grant period until the Town is responsible for 100% of the payroll costs during the fifth year; and

WHEREAS, if approved for a grant, the Town Council agrees to retain the SAFER positions for the entire 5 year grant period and to maintain overall firefighter staffing at or above the current level during the grant period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby authorizes the Fire Chief and/or his designee, to submit a grant application to the 2006 SAFER grants program for the hiring of nine new firefighters, requesting \$931,500 in grant funds and providing \$2,597,270 in matching funds over the five year grant period.

SECTION 2. The Town Council authorizes the Fire Chief and/or his designee to accept and implement the grant, if awarded, and to execute all necessary grant contracts and documents.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2006.

MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2006.

**SAFER GRANT PROPOSAL
ESTIMATED GRANT BUDGET BY YEAR**

| Budget Matrix | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | First 12-Month Period | Second 12-Month Period | Third 12-Month Period | Fourth 12-Month Period | Fifth 12-Month Period | Total 5-Year Expense |
| Personnel Expense | \$ 399,006 | \$ 430,926 | \$ 465,401 | \$ 502,633 | \$ 542,843 | \$ 2,340,809 |
| Benefits Expense | 202,496 | 218,695 | 236,191 | 255,086 | 275,493 | 1,187,961 |
| Federal Share | 335,340 | 298,080 | 186,300 | 111,780 | 0 | 931,500 |
| Town Share | 266,162 | 351,541 | 515,292 | 645,939 | 818,336 | 2,597,270 |
| Total Project Cost | <u>\$ 601,502</u> | <u>\$ 649,621</u> | <u>\$ 701,592</u> | <u>\$ 757,719</u> | <u>\$ 818,336</u> | <u>\$ 3,528,770</u> |