# **Agenda Report**

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940



# **New Business - Public Safety Group**

F.2

9/19/2023

## Subject:

Board Approval: Acceptance of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for nine (9) positions.

# **Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact in FY24, FY25 and FY26. Starting in FY27, the County is responsible for compensation and benefits associated with nine (9) awarded grant funded positions.

# **Dept/Office:**

Public Safety Group: Fire Rescue

## **Requested Action:**

It is requested the Board of County Commissioners approve and accept funding for 9 full time positions for Brevard County Fire Recue from the Department of Homeland Security, FY22 SAFER Grant program. It is requested the Board authorize the County Manager to execute all necessary documents or other administrative actions required to accept, secure, and execute the grant award and delegate authority to approve any necessary budget change requests.

# **Summary Explanation and Background:**

Fire Rescue received SAFER Grant award notification on September 1, 2023. The SAFER Grant provides full funding for nine (9) new personnel in FY24, FY25, and FY26, thereafter to be funded by the department. These first responders will be hired by Brevard County Fire Rescue and will specialize in hazardous materials response.

The County has thirty (30) days from notice to accept the grant award.

#### Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None



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September 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Fire Chief Patrick Voltaire, Fire Rescue

RE:

Item F.2., Acceptance of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Staffing for

Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for Nine Positions

The Board of County Commissioners, in special session on September 19, 2023, approved accepting funding for Nine full-time positions for Brevard County Fire Rescue for DHS, FY 22 SAFER Grant program; and authorized the County Manager to execute all necessary documents or other administrative actions required to accept, secure, and execute the grant award, and delegated authority to approve any necessary Budget Change Requests.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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CC:

County Manager

Public Safety Finance

**Budget** 

# Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

Grant ID: EMW-2022-FF-02065

Period of performance: 02/26/2024 to 02/25/2027

#### Federal share: \$2,512,144.08

# Award acceptance



#### **Award status**

Please note that you have until October 01, 2023 at 7:06 am to either accept or decline the award.

If no action is taken by the award acceptance due date of **October 01, 2023** at **7:06** am, the system will retract this notification; if additional time is needed please contact the AFG Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 for instructions.



#### Instructions

Please review and print your award package before accepting or declining your award. If you wish to accept the award, an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) must select accept, certify the required statements, and sign by selecting the signature statement and providing their system password.

If you wish to decline the award, an AOR must select decline, enter a reason for declining, and sign by selecting the signature statement and providing their system password.

#### Resources

FEMA has developed tools and resources to assist recipients with ensuring compliance to grants management policies, procedures, and federal regulations, including program-specific user guides. The resources are available at <a href="https://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grants-training-tools">https://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grants-training-tools</a>. If you have any additional questions, please contact the AFG help desk at 1-866-274-0960.

# Comments

#### No Subject

No comment left

- Comment author not found

Additional comment to the grant file External comments

# Accept or decline award

Grant ID:

EMW-2022-FF-02065

Period of performance:

02/26/2024 - 02/25/2027

Federal share:

\$2,512,144.08

## Download award package

Filename	Date uploaded	Uploaded by	Label	Description	Action
EMW-2022-FF-02065 - Award Package.pdf	09/01/2023	WF Execution c9b73a25- 48b6-11ee- 8e5f- 42ca6dfdfd99	Award Package	No description given.	

#### Please accept or decline your award by October 01, 2023 at 7:06 am

The user who accepts this award will become the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for the grant and will receive permission to submit payment requests, amendment requests, and reports to FEMA post-award. The award package, including the obligating document, will be updated to include the AOR for the grant upon award acceptance.

Accept award

Decline award

# Reminders

# Reminders (SAFER)

Some additional important topics for your award are listed below:

- 1. Recruitment Period: Grants awarded under this funding opportunity are provided a recruitment period, which begins when the application is approved for award. The recruitment period for grants awarded under the Hiring of Firefighters Activity is 180-days and the period of performance automatically starts after the recruitment period, regardless of whether the grantee has successfully hired the requested firefighters. The recruitment period for Recruitment & Retention of Volunteer Firefighters Activity is 90-days and the period of performance automatically starts after the recruitment period.
- 2. **Reporting:** During the Period of Performance (POP), and prior to the grant's closeout, the recipient will be required to submit various financial and programmatic reports. The Programmatic Performance Report (PPR), also referred to as the Quarterly Performance Report, is due every three months, beginning three

- months after the start of the grant's period of performance. The Federal Financial Report (FFR), also referred to as the SF-425, reporting periods are January 1-June 30 (report due July 30) and July 1-December 31 (report due January 30) of each year.
- 3. **Procurement:** All procurement activity must be conducted in accordance with Federal Procurement Standards at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 200.326. The principles behind rules are to promote full and open competition, provide opportunities to traditionally disadvantaged firms, and support integrity/transparency.
- 4. **Documentation and File Management**: In order to be allowable, all costs must be adequately documented per 2 C.F.R. § 200.403(g). All records to support grant-related expenditures from FEMA must be maintained and available for review, upon request: purchase orders, PAID invoices, receipts, cancelled check(s) or external source documentation from a financial institution showing the outlay of funds, manufacturer's certifications, attendance verification (Sign-in sheet-not roster), training certificates, procurement documentation, etc. See also 2 C.F.R. § 200.333 regarding record retention requirements.
- 5. **Equipment and Supplies**: Equipment and supplies must be used, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.313 and 200.314. For equipment purchased with federal funds by non-state recipients, this includes maintaining an inventory for tracking the item(s), location of item(s), federal funding amount, date of purchase, condition of item(s), maintenance schedule, etc., per 2 C.F.R. § 200.313(d).
- Amendments: Recipients must submit copies of amendment requests via FEMA GO with justification for budget/program revisions and extensions. See the FY 2019 SAFER NOFO for additional information about amendment requirements.
- 7. **Internal Controls:** A recipient must establish and maintain effective internal controls over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the recipient is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.303).