



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

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Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Accepting the Fiscal Year 2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Funds.

Background:

The United States Congress has appropriated \$324 million to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to administer the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program. The SAFER Program focuses on enhancing the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. Funding is provided directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to increase the number of firefighters, help communities meet industry minimum standards, and achieve 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

On May 20, 2025, DHS released the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the SAFER Program. The City submitted an application to support staffing for a fourth fire station planned for east Rocklin, which currently in design and anticipated to begin construction in 2026. The application requested funding for nine new fire personnel required to staff the fire station to meet population growth and increased fire service demands.

On September 25, 2025, DHS announced that the City's grant application was approved for award under the Grant Program Directorate's FY 2024 SAFER Grant. The award totals \$3,038,087.37. The SAFER Program will fund 75% of the costs of salaries and benefits for the first two years, and 35% in the third year. Acceptance of this grant will offset the costs of hiring the required fire personnel over the three-year performance period and supports the City's strategic priority of maintaining the City's public safety response times.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution accepting the FY 2024 SAFER Grant award in the amount of \$3,038,087.37 and authorize the City Manager, to execute all required grant documents and to take all necessary fiscal actions to implement the SAFER

Program.

Fiscal Impact:

The SAFER grant requires \$1,888,541 in matching funds over the three-year performance period, with a portion of the costs covered by the grant each year and the balance funded by the City's General Fund. The performance period is March 2026 through March 2029.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution](#)
2. [SAFER Grant Award Letter](#)