

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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May 20, 2024

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 24-054

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief **RV**

SUBJECT: BOARD REPORT – NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR FY 2023 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT - EMW-2023-FF-00904 – ATRS 24-05-0144

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

On April 12, 2024, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) applied for the SAFER grant to support Goal 1 of our strategic plan, to “Deliver exceptional public safety and emergency service.” The goal of the SAFER grant is to enhance local fire departments’ abilities to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards by increasing the number of trained “front-line” firefighters.

JUSTIFICATION

The Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget funded 3,520 sworn positions, 66 positions less than the staffing level in in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

The LAFD's operating budget is entirely dependent on the City's General Fund appropriations, approximately 14.29% of the \$5.84B annual budget. The LAFD continues to request more funding to provide adequate sworn staffing throughout the City of Los Angeles. However, these requests have been denied due to fiscal constraints. Considering the economy's slow recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic and the homeless crisis, the LAFD is still far from the level of staffing needed to ensure the continuous provision of first-class emergency services citywide. If awarded, the SAFER Grant will add funding for 60 firefighter positions (Firefighter I through Firefighter III level during the three-year grant period), a significant step towards the safety of the community and Firefighters responding to these emergency incidents. The addition of every resource makes a tangible difference in the timeliness and quality of emergency services provided citywide.

The LAFD is currently one of the most understaffed large metropolitan fire departments in the nation, which is faced with increasing calls for service. According to LAFD Fire

Stat, the LAFD received 374,149 calls for service in calendar year 2010. In the calendar year 2023, the calls for service increased significantly to 504,604.

Increasing the staffing with these 60 new Firefighters would provide improved coverage citywide and would be a big step toward returning our staffing levels to what was previously maintained, thus providing a safer community to all of Los Angeles. Additionally, this would reduce the number of mandatory overtime hours assigned to our members.

Lastly, if awarded, the LAFD will be able to hire 60 firefighters to place an additional 5 engine companies in Operations Valley Bureau. These fire station districts were identified to have service area gaps that result in increased response times. It is anticipated that the addition of these 5 engine companies will provide greater coverage in these areas and reduce response times for service calls.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, the SAFER grant award is for \$38,762,912.40 which provides funding to cover the salaries and benefits of 60 new firefighter positions over 3 years. The salaries and benefits of these members will be fully reimbursed up to the award amount, in alignment with member and annual SAFER caps, and with no federal cost share to the LAFD.

However, the City is responsible for any costs exceeding the award amount and all supportive costs during the 3 years of performance, and upon completion of the SAFER Grant period of performance, the City will be required to maintain the 60 new firefighter positions. Supportive costs above the \$38,762,912.40 for salaries and benefits are not reimbursable and include but are not limited to the addition of 5 new Engines at approximately \$7,500,000, which covers the Engineer and Captain salary and benefit costs above Firefighter level to staff the 5 Engines at approximately \$4,878,215, facility upgrades to the stations at approximately \$2,000,000, overtime costs, and any associated administrative costs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve and transmit the Mayor and City Council for consideration and approval to:
 - a. Submit the FY2023 SAFER application;
 - b. Accept the FY2023 SAFER grant award to the LAFD if awarded. Award notifications are anticipated between July 31, 2024 and September 30, 2024.

Board report prepared by Nicole Castro, Management Analyst, Emergency Operations Bureau, Homeland Security Division.

Attachment

 You have successfully submitted your application.

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Submitted to FEMA

EMW-2023-FF-00904: Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Period of performance

Federal resources awarded

Required non-federal resources

Federal resources disbursed to recipient **\$0.00**

Pending disbursements to recipient **\$0.00**

Balance of federal resources available **\$0.00**

My to do list

Description	Status	Date of status	Due date	Action
EMW-2023-FF-00904	Submitted to FEMA	04/11/2024	04/12/2024	Reopen application ▼

Organization : CITY OF LOS ANGELES

This information is current of SAM.gov as of: 04/07/2024

Registration summary

UEI-EFT **WBR5V7KX9SL3**

DUNS **172405821**

Registration status **Active**

Registration last update date **11/30/2023**

Registration expiration date

Has active exclusion? **No**

Debt subject to offset? **N**

Business Information

Doing business as name

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Financial reports

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Performance progress reports

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Closeout reports

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Request for Information

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