
**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program - Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services

DIVISION: Administration - Fiscal Services

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to resubmit a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security requesting \$2,518,433.00 through their Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program, and authorize the Acting County Manager to execute any necessary documentation as may be necessary for the application submission.

District 1 Bob Dallari

Jennifer Bero

BACKGROUND:

The US Department of Homeland Security is offering the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program to assist fire departments with increasing the number of on-staff firefighters. The program was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase the number of trained frontline firefighters available in their communities.

An application was submitted for the 2008/09 fiscal year; however, funds were not awarded. Staff is interested in resubmitting an application for the grant to fund 100% of the cost for the 24 firefighter positions needed to staff Fire Station 29 planned for the Aloma/SR 417 area.

Due December 18, 2009, the proposed application would request \$2,518,433.00 over a two-year period. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 included a waiver of the match requirement for the SAFER program; however, Seminole County would be required to fund the firefighter positions for one year following the grant period. The attached abstract provides project and financial information.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to resubmit a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security requesting \$2,518,433.00 through their SAFER Grant Program, and authorize the Acting County Manager to execute any necessary documentation as may be necessary for the application submission.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Abstract

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: US Department of Homeland Security

DATE DUE: December 18, 2009

PROJECT TITLE: Firefighter Staffing for Station# 29

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Leeanna Mims, Fire Chief

PROJECT MANAGER: Kevin Yelvington, Assistant Fire Chief

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The level of service adopted in the Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan for emergency response time in unincorporated areas of the county is 5 minutes. The EMS/Fire/Rescue Division identified service deficiencies in several areas, the highest priority being the Aloma/SR 417 area. To meet this need, the Division has budgeted for the addition of Station 29, increasing the service level in that area to compliancy with the Comprehensive Plan. The SAFER grant would allow for supplementary funds for 24 firefighters for Station 29 over a 2-year period with an obligation to employ the firefighters for 1-year following. Listed below is the Federal share for the grant period and the one-year employment requirement. Please note, the amounts are adjusted to reflect a 4% COLA increases per year:

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Federal Share	\$ 1,234,526	\$ 1,283,907	\$ 0
County Share	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,263</u>
Total Costs	<u>\$ 1,234,526</u>	<u>\$ 1,283,907</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,263</u>

TOTAL GRANT/PROJECT AMOUNT: \$ 3,853,696

GRANT FUNDING IS:

COMPETITIVE

ENTITLEMENT

CONTRACT