

RESOLUTION NO. 007-21R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), GRANT PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE (GPD) FOR THE FY 2020 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM AND, IF AWARDED, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENTS; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in budget cuts that have reduced the Sandusky Fire Department's minimum daily staffing from eleven (11) to ten (10) firefighters per day, requiring fire crews to operate at sub-standard staffing levels in order to keep all three (3) fire stations open; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to resume the minimum daily staffing to the pre-pandemic number of eleven (11) per shift and to maintain a minimum of three (3) firefighters at the east and west satellite stations; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department will be applying for funds in the amount of \$980,126.00 to provide the funding for the personnel and fringe benefits for three (3) additional firefighters for three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to submit the grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) for the FY 2020 SAFER Grant Program by the deadline of March 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Fire Department, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter; and NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission hereby approves the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency

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Management Agency, Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), a copy of which is on file in the Sandusky Fire Department, for the FY 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant Program funding and authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute any grant agreements and lawfully expend funds should they be awarded.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: March 8, 2021