

RESOLUTION NO. 038-22R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & RESILIENCY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SANDUSKY FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, House Bill 169 of the 134th General Assembly appropriated a total of \$75 million to provide grants to support communities that have experienced adverse impacts to First Responder personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Mike DeWine designated the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) / the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) to administer this portion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and as such, all funding is subject to ARPA guidelines and the final rule for Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ARPA wellness and resilience funding is to address the negative impacts of the coronavirus pandemic and the funds can be used to address the mental and behavioral health impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on First Responder personnel, as well as staffing challenges brought on or made worse by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, this funding would be used for three (3) firefighter positions and for wellness checks for all current firefighters for the years 2023 and 2024; 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 file the application with the Ohio Department of Public Safety by the submission deadline of June 17, 2022; 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. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to file an application on behalf of the City of Sandusky with the Ohio Department of Public Safety for funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) First Responder Wellness, Recruitment, Retention & Resiliency Grant Program for the Sandusky

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Fire Department, a copy of which is on file in the Sandusky Fire Department, and authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute any grant agreements and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application 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: _____
CATHLEEN A. MYERS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: June 13, 2022