



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Fire

Date: February 8, 2012

To: Honorable Don Samuels—Chair of Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee; and,
Honorable Betsy Hodges—Chair of Ways & Means Committee

Subject: Federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants program Grant for 2012

Recommendation: Direct the Minneapolis Fire Department to prepare an application for a federal SAFER Grant.

Previous Directives: The Fire Department was directed to prepare an application for a federal SAFER grant for 2012 and return to City Council for final approval per City Council Resolution 2011R-436, approved August 19, 2011.

Department Information

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Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*

No local match and no requirement for maintenance. SAFER funding will pay 100 percent of the salary and benefit costs for each funded position.

Supporting Information

On January 30, 2012, the Minneapolis Fire Department was notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that the guidelines for FY2011 SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grants program had been released. The application period is January 30, 2012, through February 24, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

The highest priority in the hiring of firefighters activity is for departments seeking to rehire firefighters who have been laid off. The Minneapolis Fire Department is asking for approval to apply for 10 firefighter positions for maintaining and rehiring laid off firefighters.

There is no requirement for matching city funds under this grant. SAFER funding will pay 100% of the salary and benefit costs for each funded position.

See also: http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/docs/pdf/FY2011_SAFER_ProgramGuidance.pdf

http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/docs/pdf/FY2011_SAFER_QuickGuide.pdf