



F.E.M.A. Award  
of a  
Staffing for Adequate Fire  
and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

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**Presented By  
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# 2016/2017 Federal Year SAFER Grant Award

The award will provide salaries and benefits for three years to hire six firefighter / paramedics.



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# THE F. D. OPERATES THE FIRE ENGINES AT 36913 DATE PALM AND 27610 LANDAU BLVD. WITH ONLY TWO FIREFIGHTERS

The National Fire Protection Association standard is four firefighters and the Riverside County regional standard is a minimum of three firefighters on each engine and truck



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# REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRANT AWARD

- The firefighter / paramedics must be on engines or the truck no less than fifty percent of the time
- The City must maintain forty firefighter positions during the three-year period of performance



# SAFER GRANT AWARD

The City will be responsible for total cost shares, salary adjustments and overtime costs of \$1,756,540 over a three-year period

The SAFER Grant will reimburse the City \$1,393,193 over a three-year period



# FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The City would pay the full cost (salaries and benefits for six F.F. / Paramedics) in the **fourth** year (after the grant ends) of \$1,132,472



# SAFER GRANT AWARD APPROVAL

Council approval would authorize:

- A two-year budget amendment in FY2017/18 and 2018/19 of \$634,894

Cost shares and O.T. funds in:

- FY2019/20 of \$759,608
- FY2020/21 (five months) of \$362,038

Total City cost over the three-year period is \$1,756,540



# SAFER GRANT AWARD APPRECIATION

Staff recognizes the following elected officials and their staff members:

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein

U.S. Senator Kamala Harris

Congressman Raul Ruiz

California State Senator Jeff Stone



# RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the SAFER Grant Award

The Grant would provide F.F. / Paramedic staffing to community fire stations at 36913 Date Palm and 27610 Landau Blvd.

