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Date February 23, 2015

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY 2014 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT

WHEREAS, the United State Department of Homeland Security Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program provides funding to fire departments to assist them in increasing the number of firefighters to help fire departments meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to protect communities from fire and fire related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Fire Department desires to apply for SAFER grant funds in order to hire fifteen (15) firefighters to assist in ensuring that all front line apparatus are in service; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Fire Department has prepared a grant application for fifteen (15) firefighters for a 2 year period in the amount of \$2,822,910 with no City financial match requirement. The only requirement is that the City maintain the number of sworn members in the Fire Department at the time of application for the 2 year performance period and submit a letter stating this is understood by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief recommends that the City Council authorize this grant application and submit a letter of understanding the staffing requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Fire Chief or his designee is authorized and directed to submit the above described grant application on behalf of the City of Des Moines to the United States Department of Homeland Security Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program for consideration of a \$2,822,910 grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized and directed to submit the above described letter on behalf of the City of Des Moines.

(Council Communication No. 15- **073** Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato
Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
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GATTO				
GRAY				
MAHAFFEY				
MOORE				
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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

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Catherine Patterson, Branch Chief
Assistance to Firefighters Grants Branch
DHS/FEMA
800 K Street NW Mailstop 3620
Washington, DC 20472-3620

Re: 2014 SAFER GRANT – Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Chief Patterson,

The Des Moines City Council is the governing body of the Des Moines Fire Department. Council is aware and informed in its action to apply for the 2014 SAFER grant, giving its affirmative action on February 23, 2015, by Roll Call No. 15-_____ and Council Communication No. 15-_____. It is understood and accepted should this grant application, once awarded and accepted, will require the City of Des Moines to maintain, for the two-year grant performance period, the staffing levels that existed at the time of application plus awarded positions.

Thank you for your consideration of our application, and we look forward to working with you upon award.

Sincerely,

T.M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor