



Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date:	March 13, 2023	Staff/Council Member(s): Mike Hamp, City Manager/Mike Wilhelm, Assistant City Manager – Public Safety
Agenda Item #	8	
Resolution#		
Department:	City Manager's Office /Public Safety	
Subject:	Resolutions of Support for SAFER Grant	

Background: The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER) is a federal grant created to provide funding directly to fire departments to help them increase the number of trained, “front line” firefighters available in their communities.

The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments’ ability to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association.

The Fire Department is requesting authorization to apply for nine firefighter positions (three per shift) to more closely comply with the operational standards. The SAFER grant would cover 100% of the nine positions salary and benefits for three years. The estimated grant application is \$1,927,000.

It is worth noting that the requirement to continue funding the positions after the third year has been removed, the Fire Department does intend to adjust it’s staffing model to fully utilize the grant funded employees. Reducing staffing after the third year would not be recommended.

City Manager's Recommendation: The City Manager supports this initiative and applications. The City Manager recommends adopting the resolution and will plan to introduce funds in future budget years to maintain the new staffing levels.

Suggested Motion(s): City Council is requested to move and vote for adoption of the attached resolutions.

Attachments: Resolution in support