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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 4 Ordinance/Resolution# 12-031

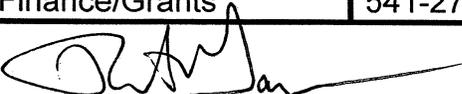
For Meeting of _____
 (Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of **August 15, 2011**
 (Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,287,336 WITH NO MATCH REQUIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S FY 2010 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANTS PROGRAM AND TO ADJUST FY 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To accept grant award and adjust the FY12 adopted budget.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: N/A		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> S. Nicole Williams	<u>Department/Section:</u> Finance/Grants	<u>Phone:</u> 541-2716
<u>City Manager Signature:</u>		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

On October 18, 2010, City Council passed Resolution 11-089 authorizing the City of Las Cruces Fire Department (LCFD) to apply for competitive grant funding in the amount of \$1,287,336, with no match required, under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2010 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program.

The competitive grant proposal outlined the LCFD's need for the staffing of nine firefighters at the (currently unstaffed) District 7 Fire Station (Station 7), located at the Las Cruces International Airport (LCIA) and near the West Mesa area of the city. The City of Las Cruces would partner in the effort by providing a fourth person per shift who is to be reassigned from existing staffing.

Community benefits for staffing Station 7, as stated in the proposal, include reduced fire and EMS response times of up to 75% to the LCIA and West Mesa area, as demonstrated by the City's GIS Department response model. Additionally, the significant reduction in response times for fire and EMS services from Station 7 would provide protection for critical infrastructure including the LCIA, West Mesa Industrial Park facilities, the City's West Mesa Well Field, the National Guard Armory, Interstate 10 and area rail and highway bridges over (major) waterways that, if were destroyed, would cause a significant negative economic impact to the region.

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On July 15, 2011, the City of Las Cruces received notification of full grant award from FEMA. Designated as FEMA grant number EMW-2010-FH-00211, the grant award allows for funding to support salaries and benefits for nine new firefighter positions for Station 7 over a two-year period.

The grant award begins as of the date of notification (July 15, 2011) with a 90-day pre-performance period to allow for testing and hiring of new firefighters. The period of performance will be from October 9, 2011 through October 8, 2013. After which time, the nine new firefighters will have to be retained by the Las Cruces Fire Department for one year.

The City has initiated an advertising campaign to begin a new firefighter training academy scheduled for October 2011. This academy is expected to provide nine qualified firefighters to be hired as stipulated in the grant award. The academy is expected to graduate in mid-February 2012, at which time personnel would be assigned to Station 7.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. Attachment "A", Letter of Award from FEMA.
3. Exhibit "A", Budget Adjustment.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from: _____
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.
Does this action create any revenue?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: <u>2301</u> in the amount of <u>\$1,287,336.00</u> for FY12.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Grant funds will be deposited into Fund 2301: Fire Fighters and designated as project number 33011: FEMA-SAFER FY12.

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
2301: Fire Fighters	13 various accounts designated by project number 33011 for salaries & benefits for the new firefighters	\$478,754	\$0	\$808,582	To supplement salaries and benefits for the nine firefighters for the duration of the grant.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will approve the acceptance of the grant award and approve the budget adjustment for FY 2012.
2. Vote "No"; this will disapprove the Resolution and reject the grant award.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this is not an option as the grant award is specifically for funding to support nine new firefighter salaries and benefits.
4. Vote to "Table"; this is not an option as the grant duration has started as of the date of notification of award with the period of performance beginning October 9, 2011.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

1. Resolution 11-089.

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-031

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,287,336 WITH NO MATCH REQUIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S FY 2010 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANTS PROGRAM AND TO ADJUST FY 2012 ADOPTED BUDGET.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has awarded \$1,287,336 to the City of Las Cruces, on behalf of the Las Cruces Fire Department (LCFD) under the FY 2010 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants program; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding is to support the salaries and benefits of nine new firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the City has initiated an advertising campaign for a firefighter training academy scheduled to begin October, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the academy is expected to provide nine qualified firefighters to be hired according to grant guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the academy is expected to graduate in mid-February 2012; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, the nine new firefighters will be assigned to staff the District 7 Fire Station located at the Las Cruces International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the grant period of performance is from October 9, 2011 through October 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, after the end of the grant period of performance, the nine new firefighters will be retained by the LCFD for at least one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the LCFD is authorized to accept aforementioned grant funds provided under the FEMA FY 2010 SAFER grant program.

(II)

THAT the City of Las Cruces FY 2012 adopted budget will be adjusted to reflect acceptance of grant funding as outlined in Exhibit "A", Budget Adjustment.

(III)

THAT City staff is authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Connor: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472



FEMA

Mr. Augie Henry
Las Cruces Fire Department
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-9002

Re: Grant No.EMW-2010-FH-00211

Dear Mr. Henry:

On behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), I am pleased to inform you that your grant application submitted under the FY 2010 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants has been approved. FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), carries out the Federal responsibilities of administering your grant. The approved project costs total to \$1,287,336.00. The Federal share is \$1,287,336.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is \$0.00.

As part of your award package, you will find Grant Agreement Articles. Please make sure you read and understand the articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your Grant award. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file. **You establish acceptance of the grant and Grant Agreement Articles when you request and receive any of the Federal grant funds awarded to you.** By accepting the grant, you agree not to deviate from the approved scope of work without prior written approval from FEMA.

If your SF 1199A has been reviewed and approved, you will be able to request payments online. Remember, you should request funds no more frequently than quarterly.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the process to request your grant funds, please call 1-866-927-5646.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth M. Harman".

Elizabeth M. Harman
Assistant Administrator
Grant Programs Directorate

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES
ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2011/2012**

FUND	DIVISION		FUND TYPE	
Firefighters Grant Fund Fund 2301	Fire		Special Revenue	
	FY 2010/11 Projected*	FY 2011/12 Adopted	Adjustment	FY 2011/12 Adjusted
RESOURCES				
Beginning Balance	\$ 0	0		0
REVENUES				
551022 U S Dept of Homeland Security	\$ 3,796	0		0
551003-33011 FEMA - SAFER Grant	0	0	1,287,336	1,287,336
Total Revenues	\$ 3,796	0	1,287,336	1,287,336
Total Resources	\$ 3,796	0	1,287,336	1,287,336
EXPENDITURES				
Homeland Security Hazmat Project # 33008				
Operating Expenses	\$ 3,796	0		0
Total Homeland Security Hazmat	\$ 3,796	0	0	0
FEMA - SAFER Grant Project # 33011				
Personnel	\$ 0	0	1,287,336	1,287,336
Total FEMA - SAFER Grant Project	\$ 0	0	1,287,336	1,287,336
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,796	0	1,287,336	1,287,336
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 0	0	0	0

*Projected based on 8 months actual through February 28, 2011 and 4 months projected.