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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 24 Ordinance/Resolution# 10-021 Council District:

For Meeting of July 6, 2009

(Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS FY 2009 AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR \$5,000,000. IF THE GRANT IS AWARDED THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES WILL PROVIDE A LOCAL MATCH OF \$2,150,000 OVER A THREE YEAR TIME PERIOD.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: To secure approval to seek grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency for the FY 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Recover Act: Fire Station Construction Grant Program, to build Las Cruces Fire Station 7 at the airport/West Mesa Industrial Park which will assist in bringing the Las Cruces Fire Department into improved compliance with nationally recommended standards and to enhance firefighter and community safety and support economic development.

Name of Drafter: Robin L. Rice		Department: City of Las Cruces		Phone: (575) 541-2104	
Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Fire	<i>Travis A. Brown</i>	(575) 528-3473	Budget	<i>Richard Y. Hunt</i>	(575) 541- 2300
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	(575) 541- 2271
Legal	<i>Reggie Lomax</i>	(575) 541-2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	(575) 541- 2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

The City of Las Cruces Fire Department in order to meet the growing needs of the West Mesa is requesting grant funding to build a fire station at the airport/West Mesa Industrial Park, which also serves and addresses and enhances the safety needs of the community. For over 10 years the airport fire station has been on numerous capital improvement plans (airport and city) during which time there has been a lack of funding for capital improvements. With the recent Recovery Act funding awarded to the airport to upgrade its infrastructure, obtaining funding for a fire station makes good fiscal sense as some of the preliminary work will have already been accomplished. Some of the positive impacts of putting the station at the airport include but are not limited to, decreased response times for fire and emergency medical service calls, potential for automatic aid for the County fire departments especially responses on Interstate 10: lower insurance costs (lower ISO

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rating) for businesses and residents, and increased coverage for the activity at the airport, and surrounding businesses and community.

The AFG Fire Station Construction Grant provides funding for the building of the fire station, including costs for environmental assessments, site preparation, design and build and basic equipment.

The City of Las Cruces will be responsible for the cost of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE), fire apparatus, and staff for the station for an approximate total cost of \$2,150,000. The City has three years to complete the scope of the grant to include staffing.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
TBD	TBD	TBD

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit "A" 2009 Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Announcement.
3. Exhibit "B" Grant Overview Worksheet
4. Exhibit "C" Congressional Letter

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Resolution for the City to apply for grant funds from DHS/FEMA/AFG Recovery Act: Fire Station Construction Grant for Fire Station 7 to bring the department into improved compliance with national standards, and to enhance firefighter and community safety.
2. Do not approve the Resolution and the City of Las Cruces will not apply for this grant.
3. Amend the request.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-021

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces, is committed to providing enhanced response capabilities for emergencies and disasters and provides for the safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assistance to Firefighters Office is making available the FY 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Fire Stations Construction Grant to provide funding that supports the Las Cruces Fire Department response to emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Las Cruces Fire Department will use the funding provided to build Fire Station 7 at the Las Cruces International Airport that supports the West Mesa community and its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces if awarded the grant will provide a local match of \$2,150,000 for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE), fire apparatus, and staff for the station, and which the City will have three years to complete the construction and staff the station.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico:

(I)

THAT, the Las Cruces Fire Department may apply for a Department of Homeland Security/ FEMA, Assistance to Firefighters FY 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Fire Station

Construction Grant for \$5,000,000 for the construction and staffing of Fire Station 7. If the grant is awarded the City of Las Cruces will meet the match of \$2,150,000 through FFE, fire apparatus and staff for the station. This station when built will bring the Las Cruces Fire Department, into improved compliance with nationally recommended standards, enhance firefighter safety and ensure the department has the firefighting capability needed for protecting its community; and

(II)

THAT, City Staff and Officials are authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this 6th day of July, 2009.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima:	_____
Councillor Silva:	_____
Councillor Connor:	_____
Councillor Archuleta:	_____
Councillor Small:	_____
Councillor Jones:	_____
Councillor Thomas:	_____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Approved as to Form:



City Attorney



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**FY 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Fire Station Construction Grant Program**

Synopsis
Full Announcement
Application

The synopsis for this grant opportunity is detailed below, following this paragraph. This synopsis contains all of the updates to this document that have been posted as of **05/29/2009**. If updates have been made to the opportunity synopsis, update information is provided below the synopsis.

If you would like to receive notifications of changes to the grant opportunity click [send me change notification emails](#). The only thing you need to provide for this service is your email address. No other information is requested.

Any inconsistency between the original printed document and the disk or electronic document shall be resolved by giving precedence to the printed document.

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	DHS-09-AFG-115-00R
Opportunity Category:	Other
Posted Date:	May 29, 2009
Creation Date:	May 29, 2009
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 10, 2009 Please note that the application window for this opportunity opens the week of June 8th in the Assistance to Firefighters Grant system.
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 10, 2009 Please note that the application window for this opportunity opens the week of June 8th in the Assistance to Firefighters Grant system.
Archive Date:	Aug 09, 2009
Funding Instrument Type:	Other
Category of Funding Activity:	Recovery Act
Category Explanation:	
Expected Number of Awards:	70
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$210,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$15,000,000
Award Floor:	
CFDA Number(s):	97.115 -- ARRA Assistance to Firefighters AFG
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Eligible Applicants

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Non-Federal Fire Departments and state and local governments that fund/operate fire departments are eligible for SCG.

Agency Name

Department of Homeland Security - FEMA

Description

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (Fire) Station Construction Grants

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(SCG) are authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5). The total amount of funds available under the FY 2009 ARRA SCG is \$210,000,000. The purpose of the FY 2009 ARRA SCG is to create or save jobs in recession-hit areas and achieve other purposes stated in ARRA, and achieve AFG goals of firefighter safety and improved response capability/capacity based on need through the construction, renovation or modification of fire stations.

Link to Full Announcement

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com>

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

FEMA AFG Help Desk, (866) 274-0960 firegrants@dhs.gov

Synopsis Modification History

There are currently no modifications for this opportunity.

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Title of Grant Program: R Recovery Act: Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant

Funding Organization: U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency management Agency

Section Applying: Las Cruces Fire Department

Description of Proposed Project: To construct two fire stations, one in West Mesa at the airport, the second in East Mesa to cover the expansion from Sonoma Ranch to the city limits.

Strategic Plan **Goal:** C **Objective:** 2 **Strategy:**
Performance Budget **Goal:** **Objective:** **Strategy:**

- Existing City Programs/Efforts** *(Example: request for environmentally-friendly weed management. Parks Section's existing budget and work activities includes weed management)*
- Expansion of Existing Program/Efforts** *(Example: request for advertising to increase public Awareness of the Farmers Market. The advertising campaign will be an increase over current activities/budget.)*
- New Initiative, Not Budgeted** *(Example: request to implement a recreational activity that is currently Not included in the city's recreational programs.)*

Project Maintenance *(If the grant specifies that the project must be maintained/operated after the grant period ends, list the requirements: All maintenance, cost overruns, and items not allowable by the grant terms and conditions will be the responsibility of the City of Las Cruces)*

Amount Section anticipates requesting: 5-10 million **Match Requirement (%):** 0

Projected Match **In-Kind:** **Cash:**
Match Source: Match is not required but highly recommended.

Grant Application Due: July 10, 2009

Grant Duration *(Months/Years):* 36 months

MOU or Joint Powers Agreement Required *(Yes/No):* no

Grant Collaborators *(List other city departments or outside agencies):* City Project Management

Employees To Be Hired *(# to be hired, full-time or part-time position and 1-sentence job responsibilities)*

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Grant Manager *(Responsible for contract, project operations, budget management, and reports as prescribed)*

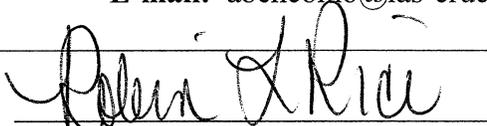
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Submitted by: Robin L. Rice


Signature

Date: 6/1/2009

Reviewed & Approved by: Adolf Zubia
Fire Chief


Signature

Date: 6/1/2009

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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June 12, 2009

Mr. W. Ross Ashley III
 Grants Programs Directorate
 DHS/TFMA
 800 K Street, N.W.
 Washington, DC 20472

Dear Mr. Ashley:

We are writing in support of an application submitted by the City of Las Cruces Fire Department (LCFD) for an Assistance to Firefighters grant. The LCFD is seeking the funding to build fire station 7 at the West Mesa Airport Area.

In order to meet the growing fire protection and emergency medical services needs of the West Mesa, the LCFD has determined the need for new fire station. This project has been on the city's capital improvement plans for 15 years. Locating the station at the airport will yield decreased response times for fire and emergency medical calls; allow for increased mutual aid for the county volunteer fire departments; improving responses on Interstate 10, the State prison, Border patrol station and the state juvenile facility; and provide increased protection for activity at the airport, and its surrounding businesses and residences.

Thank you for your consideration of this application, and we ask to be kept apprised of its progress.

Sincerely,


 Jeff Bingaman
 United States Senator


 Tom Udall
 United States Senator


 Martin Heinrich
 United States Representative


 Ben Ray Lujan
 United States Representative


 Harry Teague
 United States Representative