

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RATIFY A SUBMITTED GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,058,368.10 TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), FOR THE FY 2025 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT TO FUND 15 FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TIME TO DISTRESS CALLS. THE SAFER GRANT HAS A CASH MATCH OF 25% IN YEARS 1 AND 2, AND 65% IN YEAR 3. THIS NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IS ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE SPECIAL FIRE GRANTS FUND – SAFER GRANT ACCOUNT.

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced and made available reimbursable funds for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program for the 2025 fiscal year, which will allow for the hiring of 15 additional firefighting personnel.

Whereas, the *City Council of the City of Laredo* acknowledges and expresses its sincere and cordial intention to apply for the aforementioned funding opportunity, whose implementation date cannot begin until funding is approved, and that the project must be completed by August 31, 2029; and

Whereas, the *City Council of the City of Laredo* finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Laredo, Texas to formally apply and ratify a submitted application for the aforementioned Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program through the City of Laredo's Fire Department in order to improve the department's response time to distress calls by acquiring additional personnel; and

Whereas, the *City Council of the City of Laredo* agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the FEMA funds, the City of Laredo assures that the funds will be returned to FEMA in full; and

Whereas, the *City Council of the City of Laredo* designates the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: Authorizing the City Manager to ratify a submitted grant application in the amount of \$5,058,368.10 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program, to hire 15 new firefighting personnel. The SAFER grant has a cash match requirement at the time of application. This notice of funding opportunity is on a reimbursement basis. Funding is available in the Special Fire Grants Fund, 260 Account.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE
_____ DAY OF _____, 2026.**

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**