

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-289

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RATIFY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, FOR THE FY 2026 BORDER ZONE FIRE DEPARTMENT (BZFD) GRANT, WITH NO CITY MATCH REQUIREMENT. THE GRANT PERFORMANCE PERIOD IS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026. THE GRANT FUNDING WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE FIRE / EMS RESCUE EQUIPMENT FOR THE LAREDO FIRE DEPARTMENT. FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SPECIAL FIRE GRANTS FUND.

Whereas, the Office of the Governor has announced and made available reimbursable funds for the Border Zone Fire Department (BZFD) Grant Program for the 2026 fiscal year that will allow for the acquisition of new rescue equipment; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Laredo that the Border Zone Fire Department Grant be accepted to improve the department's response time to distress calls by acquiring more specialized rescue equipment; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the OOG BZFD funds, the City of Laredo assures that the funds will be returned in full; and

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

Section 1: Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Office of the Governor (OOG), Public Safety Office, for the FY 2026 Border Zone Fire Department (BZFD) grant, with no city match requirement. The grant performance period is from September 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026. The grant funding will be used to purchase fire/EMS rescue equipment for the Laredo Fire Department. Funding will be available in the Special Fire Grants Fund.

Section 2: It authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to achieve said grant and to effectuate its terms.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN
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