

PRE-MEETING AGENDA

Casper City Council
The Lyric, 230 W Yellowstone Hwy
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 5:30 p.m.



| | Presentation | Beginning Time | Allotted |
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| 1. | SAFER Grant Application | 5:30 | 10 min |
| 2. | Agenda Review | 5:40 | 5 min |
| | Approximate Ending Time | | 5:45 p.m. |

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March 25, 2024

MEMO TO: J. Carter Napier, City Manager ²⁰¹
FROM: Jacob Black, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)

Meeting Type & Date

Regular Council Pre-Meeting April 2, 2024

Action Type

Direction Requested

Recommendation

That Council approve that Casper Fire-EMS apply for federal grant funding from SAFER by April 12, 2024, for three years of funding for 6 new firefighter positions.

Summary

In pursuing the departments need for safety, strategic planning, and meeting community needs, these six personnel will enable our organization to attain required staffing numbers. Obtaining this grant will provide three years of funding for the positions, allowing the City of Casper to plan for funding support. The identified positive impacts will allow:

- Staffing of our Ladder Truck and Rescue 100% of the time, eliminating the gaps of unstaffed apparatus that we are currently experiencing.
- Increased safety for our responders and citizens on structure fires, by maintaining NFPA 1710 standards, providing a minimum of 16 operational personnel and a Battalion Chief on scene of a structure fire, while ensuring (1) Rescue, (2) work involving ladder, forcible entry, and ventilation; and (3) the application of water.
- Increased ability to respond to calls by having fully staffed apparatus, and addressing the strains of overlapping call volumes.
- Decreased callback overtime occurrences, through a fiscally efficient staffing model.

Financial Considerations

The SAFER grant has a three-year cost award for the Firefighters and the initial costs of their PPE and required gear, estimated at \$1,883,370.12. After three years, the City of Casper is responsible for an annual estimated cost of \$586,848 for the six positions.

Oversight/Project Responsibility

Jacob Black, Fire Chief

Attachments

N/A