

SAFER Grant/Emergency Medical Services

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What is the SAFER Grant?

- FEMA supported Grant Funding similar to Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant, whereby federal funding is available to support the addition of fire fighters to better meet NFPA 1710 - **Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments**
- The goal of SAFER is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies, and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards

SAFER continued

- Application opened March 26, 2018 at 8:00am ET
- Application will close on April 27, 2018 at 5:00pm ET
- \$345 million available in funding
- All awards will be announced by September 30, 2018
- Grant funds may only be used to hire new, additional firefighters above and beyond current budgeted staffing levels
- Grant funds only cover salary and benefits (actual payroll costs)
- Only full-time positions are eligible

SAFER Period of Performance (POP)

- Federal funds will be limited to:
 - In the first year of the grant, 75 percent of the usual annual cost of a first year (i.e., entry-level) firefighter in that department at the time the grant application was submitted
 - In the second year of the grant, 75 percent of the usual annual cost of a first-year (i.e., entry-level) firefighter in that department at the time the grant application was submitted
 - In the third year of the grant, 35 percent of the usual annual cost of a first year (i.e., entry-level) firefighter in that department at the time the grant application was submitted
- Operational staffing levels must be maintained at the level that existed at the time of the award
 - Applies to all 3 years of the award
 - Must take active and timely steps to backfill any operational vacancies
 - Ensure governing body is aware of the requirement
 - Ensure you have the support of your governing body before applying! A letter from the governing body will be requested at time of application.
- No obligation to retain SAFER-funded positions after POP ends

What does this look like for Longview?

2018 SAFER Grant					
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	3 Year Total	Year 4
3 FTE TCC	\$ 315,000	\$ 330,750	\$ 347,288	\$ 993,038	\$ 364,652
FEMA	\$ 236,250	\$ 236,250	\$ 110,250	\$ 582,750	\$ -
City	\$ 78,750	\$ 94,500	\$ 237,038	\$ 410,288	\$ 364,652
Total Costs	\$ 315,000	\$ 330,750	\$ 347,288	\$ 993,038	\$ 364,652

Why SAFER?

- 3 options
 - Staff ambulance full-time with no operational changes
 - Staff ambulance full-time and make an operational change to respond as first-due for the most critical EMS responses
 - AMR and LFD meet regularly and have discussed this as an option
 - Staff ambulance full-time and participate in GEMT

Transport Revenue			
Month	AS-IS	3/Day	IF GEMT
January	\$ 8,000	93	16
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