

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-346

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD ON BEHALF OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, at its December 18, 2018 meeting the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners authorized the submittal of an application for a 2018 Staffing for adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant on behalf of the County for the purpose of funding additional firefighter positions for St. Johns County Fire Rescue; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced that St. Johns County is eligible to receive a SAFER Grant with a total federal contribution of \$2,373,490.80; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER Grant will allow St. Johns County Fire Rescue to hire an additional 18 firefighters; and:

WHEREAS, the SAFER Grant contains a required match of \$1,475,413.20 over the 3-year performance period of the grant for a total project cost of \$3,848,904.00; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the SAFER Grant award will serve the interests of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this resolution and are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners approves the terms, conditions, and requirements of the SAFER award and authorizes the County Administrator, or his designee, to accept the award on behalf of St. Johns County.

Section 3. If there are typographical or administrative errors or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor or context of this resolution, this resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 1st day of October, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST.
JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

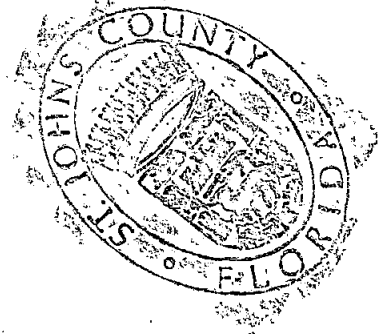
Attest: Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk

Pam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

By:

Paul M. Waldron
Paul M. Waldron, Chair

RENDITION DATE 10/3/19



Award Letter

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472

Jeremy Robshaw
St. Johns, County of
500 San Sebastian View
Saint Augustine, FL 32084



FEMA

EMW-2018-FH-00045

Dear Jeremy Robshaw,

Congratulations on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security. Your application submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of \$2,373,490.80 in Federal funding.

Before you request and receive any of the Federal funds awarded to you, you must establish acceptance of the award through the FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) system. By accepting this award, you acknowledge that the terms of the following documents are incorporated into the terms of your award:

- Summary Award Memo - included in this document
- Agreement Articles - included in this document
- Obligating Document - included in this document
- 2018 SAFER Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - incorporated by reference

Please make sure you read, understand, and maintain a copy of these documents in your official file for this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridget Bean".

Bridget Bean
Acting Assistant Administrator
Grant Programs Directorate

Summary Award Memo

Program: Fiscal Year 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

Recipient: St. Johns, County of

DUNS number: 073236739

Award number: EMW-2018-FH-00045

Summary description of award

The purpose of the SAFER Grant Program is to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments. After careful consideration, FEMA has determined that the recipient's project or projects submitted as part of the recipient's application and detailed in the project narrative as well as the request details section of the application — including budget information — was consistent with the SAFER Grant Program's purpose and was worthy of award.

Except as otherwise approved as noted in this award, the information you provided in your application for FY2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) funding is incorporated into the terms and conditions of this award. This includes any documents submitted as part of the application.

Amount awarded

The amount of the award is detailed in the attached Obligating Document for Award.

The following is the approved budget for this award (including Federal share plus your cost share, if applicable) and summarizes the financial aspects of the grant:

Object Class	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Total
Personnel	\$787,932.00	\$787,932.00	\$787,932.00	\$2,363,796.00
Fringe benefits	\$495,036.00	\$495,036.00	\$495,036.00	\$1,485,108.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indirect charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal	\$962,226.00	\$962,226.00	\$449,038.80	\$2,373,490.80
Non-federal	\$320,742.00	\$320,742.00	\$833,929.20	\$1,475,413.20
Total	\$1,282,968.00	\$1,282,968.00	\$1,282,968.00	\$3,848,904.00

2 C.F.R. § 200.308 identifies the limits to the changes that can be made and when prior approval is required from FEMA, but this provision does not apply to the breakdown by year. If you have questions about which changes require FEMA's prior approval, please contact your Grants Management Specialist.

Approved scope of work

After review of your application, FEMA has approved the below scope of work. Justifications are provided for any differences between the scope of work in the original application and the approved scope of work under this award. You must submit scope or budget revision requests for FEMA's prior approval, via an amendment request, as appropriate per 2 C.F.R. § 200.308 and the FY2018 SAFER NOFO.

Approved request details:

Hiring of Firefighters

Firefighter Position

BENEFITS FUNDED

The breakdown of benefits is as follows: FICA - \$2,408 Medicare - \$563 Retirement - \$9,444
Workman's Comp - \$2,053 Health Insurance - \$11,970.00 OPEB - \$1,064.00

NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS	ANNUAL SALARY PRICE	ANNUAL BENEFITS	TOTAL PER FIREFIGHTER
18	\$43,774.00	\$27,502.00	\$71,276.00
3 YEAR TOTAL	\$3,848,904.00		

Agreement Articles

Program: Fiscal Year 2018 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

Recipient: St. Johns, County of

DUNS number: 073236739

Award number: EMW-2018-FH-00045

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Article 1 Assurances, Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, Representations and Certifications

DHS financial assistance recipients must complete either the Office of Management and Budget(OMB) Standard Form 424B Assurances - Non-Construction Programs, or OMB Standard Form 424D Assurances -Construction Programs as applicable. Certain assurances in these documents may not be applicable to your program, and the DHS financial assistance office (DHS FAO) may require applicants to certify additional assurances. Applicants are required to fill out the assurances applicable to their program as instructed by the awarding agency. Please contact the DHS FAO if you have any questions. DHS financial assistance recipients are required to follow the applicable provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located at Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations(C.F.R) Part 200, and adopted by DHS at 2 C.F.R. Part 3002.

Article 2 DHS Specific Acknowledgements and Assurances

All recipients, subrecipients, successors, transferees, and assignees must acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing DHS access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. 1. Recipients must cooperate with any compliance reviews or compliance investigations conducted by DHS. 2. Recipients must give DHS access to, and the right to examine and copy, records, accounts, and other documents and sources of information related to the federal financial assistance award and permit access to facilities, personnel, and other individuals and information as may be necessary, as required by DHS regulations and other applicable laws or program guidance. 3. Recipients must submit timely, complete, and accurate reports to the appropriate DHS officials and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports. 4. Recipients must comply with all other special reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance. 5. Recipients of federal financial assistance from DHS must complete the DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Notice of Award or, for State Administering Agencies, thirty (30) days from receipt of the DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool from DHS or its awarding component agency. Recipients are required to provide this information once every two (2) years, not every time an award is made. After the initial submission for the first award under which this term applies, recipients are only required to submit updates every two years, not every time a grant is awarded. Recipients should submit the completed tool, including supporting materials to CivilRightsEvaluation@hq.dhs.gov. This tool clarifies the civil rights obligations and related reporting requirements contained in the DHS Standard Terms and Conditions. Subrecipients are not required to complete and submit this tool to DHS. The evaluation tool can be found at <https://www.dhs.gov/publication/dhs-civil-rights-evaluation-tool>.

Article 3 Acknowledgement of Federal Funding from DHS

Recipients must acknowledge their use of federal funding when issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid invitations, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

Article 4 Activities Conducted Abroad

Recipients must ensure that project activities carried on outside the United States are coordinated as necessary with appropriate government authorities and that appropriate licenses, permits, or approvals are obtained.

- Article 5 Age Discrimination Act of 1975**
Recipients must comply with the requirements of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Pub. L. No. 94-135 (1975) (codified as amended at Title 42, U.S. Code, § 6101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
- Article 6 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990**
Recipients must comply with the requirements of Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pub. L. No. 101-336 (1990) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101–12213), which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities.
- Article 7 Best Practices for Collection and Use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)**
Recipients who collect PII are required to have a publically-available privacy policy that describes standards on the usage and maintenance of PII they collect. DHS defines personally identifiable information (PII) as any information that permits the identity of an individual to be directly or indirectly inferred, including any information that is linked or linkable to that individual. Recipients may also find the DHS Privacy Impact Assessments: Privacy Guidance and Privacy template as useful resources respectively.
- Article 8 Civil Rights Act of 1964 – Title VI**
Recipients must comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), which provides that no person in the United States will, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations for the Act are found at 6 C.F.R. Part 21 and 44 C.F.R. Part 7.
- Article 9 Civil Rights Act of 1968**
Recipients must comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pub. L. No. 90-284, as amended through Pub. L. 113-4, which prohibits recipients from discriminating in the sale, rental, financing, and advertising of dwellings, or in the provision of services in connection therewith, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, familial status, and sex (See 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as implemented by the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 100. The prohibition on disability discrimination includes the requirement that new multifamily housing with four or more dwelling units—i.e., the public and common use areas and individual apartment units (all units in buildings with elevators and ground-floor units in buildings without elevators)—be designed and constructed with certain accessible features. (See 24 C.F.R. Part 100, Subpart D)
- Article 10 Copyright**
Recipients must affix the applicable copyright notices of 17 U.S.C. §§ 401 or 402 and an acknowledgement of U.S. Government sponsorship (including the award number) to any work first produced under federal financial assistance awards.

Article 11 Debarment and Suspension

Recipients are subject to the non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations implementing Executive Orders (E.O.) 12549 and 12689, and 2 C.F.R. Part 180 as adopted by DHS at 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. These regulations restrict federal financial assistance awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs or activities.

Article 12 Drug-Free Workplace Regulations

Recipients must comply with drug-free workplace requirements in Subpart B (or Subpart C, if the recipient is an individual) of 2 C.F.R. Part 3001, which adopts the Government-wide implementation (2 C.F.R. Part 182) of sec. 5152-5158 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. 8101).

Article 13 Duplication of Benefits

Any cost allocable to a particular federal financial assistance award provided for in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E may not be charged to other federal financial assistance awards to overcome fund deficiencies, to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or federal financial assistance award terms and conditions, or for other reasons. However, these prohibitions would not preclude recipients from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more awards in accordance with existing federal statutes, regulations, or the federal financial assistance award terms and conditions.

Article 14 Education Amendments of 1972 (Equal Opportunity in Education Act) – Title IX

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 Pub. L. No. 92-318 (1972) (codified as amended at 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), which provide that no person in the United States will, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. DHS implementing regulations are codified at 6 C.F.R. Part 17 and 44 C.F.R. Part 19.

Article 15 Energy Policy and Conservation Act

Recipients must comply with the requirements of The Energy Policy and Conservation Act Pub. L. No. 94-163 (1975) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 6201 et seq.), which contain policies relating to energy efficiency that are defined in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with this Act.

Article 16 False Claims Act and Program Fraud Civil Remedies

Recipients must comply with the requirements of The False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729-3733, which prohibits the submission of false or fraudulent claims for payment to the federal government. (See 31 U.S.C. § 3801-3812 which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.

Article 17 Federal Debt Status

All recipients are required to be non-delinquent in their repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowances, and benefit overpayments. (See OMB Circular A-129.)

Article 18 Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving

Recipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving as described in E.O. 13513, including conducting initiatives described in Section 3(a) of the Order when on official government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the federal government.

Article 19 Fly America Act of 1974

Recipients must comply with Preference for U.S. Flag Air Carriers (air carriers holding certificates under 49 U.S.C. § 41102) for international air transportation of people and property to the extent that such service is available, in accordance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974, 49 U.S.C. § 40118, and the interpretative guidelines issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in the March 31, 1981, amendment to Comptroller General Decision B-138942.

Article 20 Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990

In accordance with Section 6 of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, 15 U.S.C. § 2225a, recipients must ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or in part with federal funds complies with the fire prevention and control guidelines of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, codified as amended at 15 U.S.C. § 2225.

Article 21 Limited English Proficiency (Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI)

Recipients must comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) prohibition against discrimination on the basis of national origin, which requires that recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) to their programs and services. For additional assistance and information regarding language access obligations, please refer to the DHS Recipient Guidance <https://www.dhs.gov/guidancepublished-help-department-supported-organizations-provide-meaningful-access-people-limited> and additional resources on <http://www.lep.gov>.

Article 22 Lobbying Prohibitions

Recipients must comply with 31 U.S.C. § 1352, which provides that none of the funds provided under a federal financial assistance award may be expended by the recipient to pay any person to influence, or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any federal action related to a federal award or contract, including any extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification.

Article 23 National Environmental Policy Act

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. No. 91-190 (1970) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, which requires recipients to use all practicable means within their authority, and consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to create and maintain conditions under which people and nature can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other needs of present and future generations of Americans.

Article 24 Nondiscrimination in Matters Pertaining to Faith-Based Organizations

It is DHS policy to ensure the equal treatment of faith-based organizations in social service programs administered or supported by DHS or its component agencies, enabling those organizations to participate in providing important social services to beneficiaries. Recipients must comply with the equal treatment policies and requirements contained in 6 C.F.R. Part 19 and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance governing the participations of faith-based organizations in individual DHS programs.

Article 25 Non-supplanting Requirement

Recipients receiving federal financial assistance awards made under programs that prohibit supplanting by law must ensure that federal funds do not replace (supplant) funds that have been budgeted for the same purpose through non-federal sources.

Article 26 Notice of Funding Opportunity Requirements

All of the instructions, guidance, limitations, and other conditions set forth in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this program are incorporated hereby reference in the award terms and conditions. All recipients must comply with any such requirements set forth in the program NOFO.

Article 27 Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

Unless otherwise provided by law, recipients are subject to the Bayh-Dole Act, 35 U.S.C. § 200 et seq. Recipients are subject to the specific requirements governing the development, reporting, and disposition of rights to inventions and patents resulting from federal financial assistance awards located at 37 C.F.R. Part 401 and the standard patent rights clause located at 37 C.F.R. § 401.14.

Article 28 Procurement of Recovered Materials

States, political subdivisions of states, and their contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Pub. L. No. 89-272 (1965) (codified as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6962. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition.

Article 29 Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Recipients must comply with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112 (1973) (codified as amended at 29 U.S.C. § 794), which provides that no otherwise qualified handicapped individuals in the United States will, solely by reason of the handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Article 30 Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

If the total value of the recipient's currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all federal assistance offices exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this federal financial assistance award, the recipient must comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

Article 31 Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

Recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide Award Term on Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation located at 2 C.F.R. Part 170, Appendix A, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference in the award terms and conditions.

Article 32 SAFECOM

Recipients receiving federal financial assistance awards made under programs that provide emergency communication equipment and its related activities must comply with the SAFECOM Guidance for Emergency Communication Grants, including provisions on technical standards that ensure and enhance interoperable communications.

Article 33 Terrorist Financing

Recipients must comply with E.O. 13224 and U.S. laws that prohibit transactions with, and the provisions of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. Recipients are legally responsible to ensure compliance with the Order and laws.

Article 34 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the government-wide financial assistance award term which implements Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, (TVPA) codified as amended by 22 U.S.C. § 7104. The award term is located at 2 C.F.R. § 175.15, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference.

Article 35 Universal Identifier and System of Award Management (SAM)

Recipients are required to comply with the requirements set forth in the government-wide financial assistance award term regarding the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements located at 2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A, the full text of which is incorporated here by reference.

Article 36 USA Patriot Act of 2001

Recipients must comply with requirements of Section 817 of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), which amends 18 U.S.C. §§ 175-175c.

Article 37 Use of DHS Seal, Logo and Flags

Recipients must obtain permission from their DHS FAO prior to using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials, including use of the United States Coast Guard seal, logo, crests or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Coast Guard officials.

Article 38 Whistleblower Protection Act

Recipients must comply with the statutory requirements for whistleblower protections (if applicable) at 10 U.S.C § 2409, 41 U.S.C. 4712, and 10 U.S.C. § 2324, 41 U.S.C. §§ 4304 and 4310.

Article 39 Acceptance of Post Award Changes

In the event FEMA determines that changes are necessary to the award document after an award has been made, including changes to period of performance or terms and conditions, recipients will be notified of the changes in writing. Once notification has been made, any subsequent request for funds will indicate recipient acceptance of the changes to the award. Please call the FEMA/GMD Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov if you have any questions.

Article 40 Prior Approval for Modification of Approved Budget

Before making any change to the DHS/FEMA approved budget for this award, you must request prior written approval from DHS/FEMA where required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.308. DHS/FEMA is also utilizing its discretion to impose an additional restriction under 2 C.F.R. § 200.308(e) regarding the transfer of funds among direct cost categories, programs, functions, or activities. Therefore, for awards with an approved budget where the Federal share is greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), you may not transfer funds among direct cost categories, programs, functions, or activities without prior written approval from DHS/FEMA where the cumulative amount of such transfers exceeds or is expected to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total budget DHS/FEMA last approved. You must report any deviations from your DHS/FEMA approved budget in the first Federal Financial Report (SF-425) you submit following any budget deviation, regardless of whether the budget deviation requires prior written approval.

Article 41 Disposition of Equipment Acquired Under the Federal Award

When original or replacement equipment acquired under this award by the recipient or its subrecipients is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by DHS/FEMA, you must request instructions from DHS/FEMA to make proper disposition of the equipment pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.313.

Article 42 Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation

DHS/FEMA funded activities that may require an EHP review are subject to FEMA's Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) review process. This review does not address all Federal, state, and local requirements. Acceptance of Federal funding requires recipient to comply with all Federal, state and local laws. Failure to obtain all appropriate federal, state and local environmental permits and clearances may jeopardize Federal funding. DHS/FEMA is required to consider the potential impacts to natural and cultural resources of all projects funded by DHS/FEMA grant funds, through its EHP Review process, as mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act; National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended; National Flood Insurance Program regulations; and, any other applicable laws and Executive Orders. To access the FEMA's Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) screening form and instructions go to the DHS/FEMA website at: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/90195>. In order to initiate EHP review of your project(s), you must complete all relevant sections of this form and submit it to the Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) along with all other pertinent project information. Failure to provide requisite information could result in delays in the release of grant funds. If ground disturbing activities occur during construction, applicant will monitor ground disturbance, and if any potential archeological resources are discovered, applicant will immediately cease work in that area and notify the pass-through entity, if applicable, and DHS/FEMA.

Obligating document

1. Agreement No. EMW-2018-FH-00045	2. Amendment No. N/A	3. Recipient No. 59-6000825	4. Type of Action AWARD	5. Control No. WX02684N2019T		
6. Recipient Name and Address St. Johns, County of 500 San Sebastian View Saint Augustine, FL 32084		7. Issuing FEMA Office and Address Grant Programs Directorate 500 C Street, S.W. Washington DC, 20528-7000 1-866-927-5646		8. Payment Office and Address FEMA, Financial Services Branch 500 C Street, S.W., Room 723 Washington DC, 20742		
9. Name of Recipient Project Officer Rosemarie Frey		9a. Phone No. 9042091700	10. Name of FEMA Project Coordinator Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program		10a. Phone No. 1-866-274-0960	
11. Effective Date of This Action 09/13/2019		12. Method of Payment OTHER - FEMA GO		13. Assistance Arrangement COST SHARING		14. Performance Period 03/11/2020 to 03/10/2023 Budget Period 03/11/2020 to 03/10/2023
15. Description of Action a. (Indicate funding data for awards or financial changes)						
Program Name Abbreviation	Assistance Listings No.	Accounting Data (ACCS Code)	Prior Total Award	Amount Awarded This Action + or (-)	Current Total Award	Cumulative Non-Federal Commitment
SAFER	97.083	2019-F8-GF01 - P431-xxxx-4101-D	\$0.00	\$2,373,490.80	\$2,373,490.80	\$1,475,413.20
Totals			\$0.00	\$2,373,490.80	\$2,373,490.80	\$1,475,413.20
b. To describe changes other than funding data or financial changes, attach schedule and check here: N/A						
16. FOR NON-DISASTER PROGRAMS: RECIPIENT IS REQUIRED TO SIGN AND RETURN THREE (3) COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT TO FEMA (See Block 7 for address) This field is not applicable for digitally signed grant agreements						

17. RECIPIENT SIGNATORY OFFICIAL (Name and Title)	DATE
18. FEMA SIGNATORY OFFICIAL (Name and Title) Bridget Bean, Acting Assistant Administrator Grant Programs Directorate	DATE 09/13/2019



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Office of the Board of County Commissioners

December 18, 2018

Catherine Patterson, Branch Chief
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On behalf of the St. Johns County-Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), the governing body responsible for the public safety services provided by St. Johns County Fire Rescue, please accept this letter of support and clear understanding of the requirements in submitting and award of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant.

St. Johns County is currently experiencing a level of growth that is impacting service levels faster than existing taxing revenue can provide. This is especially true in the north central and north eastern portion of the community. Exponential growth is occurring in this area continues to place St. Johns County in the top counties nationwide for population growth. If funded, these SAFER firefighters will be deployed directly into this response area allowing us to improve our compliance with NFPA 1710, improve firefighter safety, and emergency response times.

Addressing the importance of the safety of our citizens and firefighters, the BOCC has worked diligently to fund staffing supported through a 2015 SAFER application. However due to current budgetary constraints, additional staffing without the support of this grant application will not be practical without response implications to other St. Johns County stations impacting present gains made in meeting National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) staffing objectives.

As submitted in our grant application, the addition of these firefighters to St. Johns County best serves a primary SAFER objective, namely the increase of staffing levels to meet response time objectives, assembly of firefighters, and improve safety. The St. Johns County BOCC is committed to maintaining firefighter staffing levels and incurring no lay-offs during the period of performance if awarded a SAFER grant. Additionally, St. Johns County has a plan that will address the funding requirements to retain firefighter positions made possible by the SAFER grant.

On behalf of the St. Johns County BOCC, we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to apply for a SAFER grant and the diligence of the Department of Homeland Security in administering the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul M. Waldron".

Paul Waldron, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County, FL



cc: St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners