

**MOAPA VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

Petitioner: Stephen Neel, Fire Chief, Moapa Valley Fire District

Recommendation:

Ratify the SAFER grant application submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the awarded amount not to exceed \$544,644.32 for purchasing structural PPE, hiring a part-time recruitment and retention coordinator, pay for EMT, AEMT, and paramedic training, pay for volunteer tuition and book/lab fees, pay for volunteers to attend fire conferences, pay for media/marketing literature, pay to hire a marketing contractor, and to provide volunteer stipends; authorize the Fire Chief to sign any additional grant documents, sign the award documents; and accept any funds awarded. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	2921	Fund Name:	Moapa Valley Fire District Grants
Fund Center:	12003500000	Funded PGM/Grant:	TBD
Amount:	\$544,644.32		
Description:	N/A		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

BACKGROUND:

The Moapa Valley Fire Protection District is eligible for grant funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The grant application is characterized as the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response "SAFER" Program and improves or restores local fire departments' staffing and deployment capabilities so they may more effectively respond to emergencies.

If approved, the grant will be used to purchase PPE and provide volunteer stipends. Additionally, the grant will fund one (1) part time recruitment and retention coordinator to manage volunteers and conduct onboarding and trainings. The grant will also pay to send volunteers to fire conferences, pay for EMT, AEMT, and paramedic training, pay for tuition and book/labs fees, and provide the funding to hire a marketing contractor.

If awarded, this grant will provide funding to help with recruit and retention of volunteers and provide a higher level of service to the greater Moapa Valley Area.

Staff recommends that the Board ratify the submission of the attached grant application and accept any funds awarded.

Cleared for Agenda

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