

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-850

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 26, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: November 26, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$2,990,280.00 to provide salaries and benefits for 40 new firefighter positions for year one of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency (SAFER) Grant, as initiated by B.T. 20-030; approves and authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and the Corporation Secretary to accept and receive the federal funds through the FEMA Grants Outcomes System; provides for oversight by the Emergency Preparedness Division of Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department (JFRD); and approving positions, as initiated by R.C. 20-044.

Background Information: The SAFER Grant funds salaries and benefits which consist of FLSA overtime, Health, Dental, life Insurance, Pension benefits, meal and clothing allowance, holiday/leave sellback, etc. The total covers the hiring of 40 new firefighters for the first year of the grant. The additional personnel will ensure JFRD maintains National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1710 compliance and adds firefighters to each work shift to be assigned to the busiest engines. Thereby, securing four personnel to the engines responding to the public. The award has a 25% City match of \$747,570.00 for year one of the grant. The three year total award is \$8,970,840 which consist of \$3,438,822 (City match) and \$5,532,018 (Federal Share).

Policy Impact Area: SAFER Grant, new firefighters

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$2,990,280.00, as initiated by B.T. 20-030

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