

Yuba City - City Council

S.A.F.E.R. Grant Presentation



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What does S.A.F.E.R. stand for?



Staffing for

Adequate

Fire and

Emergency

Response





S.A.F.E.R. Grant is funded through Homeland Security



It is a competitive process,
Involves Career and Volunteer Fire Agencies



The Goal of SAFER

Assist departments to improve staffing levels to ensure they have adequate personnel to respond and safely perform at incident scenes, providing protection from fire and fire-related hazards in their communities.

Purpose of SAFER

- **Assist fire departments increase the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standard and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.**

PURPOSE

Changes to SAFER

Will the SAFER hiring grant pay for raises or increases to firefighter pay or benefits in years two and three?

- **No. The federal portion of grant funds for years one, two, and three is based on the usual annual cost of a first-year (i.e., entry-level) firefighter in your department at the time the grant application is submitted.**



Changes to SAFER

Requesting

- **9 Full Time Limited Term Firefighters**
- **Limited Term for 3 Years**
- **75%-25% Match Year 1**
75%-25% Match Year 2
35%-65% Match Year 3



Firefighter costs for YCFD

	FAMILY HEALTH CARE RATE	
	PEPRA	CLASSIC
	ANNUAL S&B	TIER 3 ANNUAL S&B
Fire Recruit	\$ 81,325.00	\$ 84,454.00
Firefighter I	\$ 88,139.00	\$ 91,620.00
Firefighter II	\$ 124,539.00	\$ 129,855.00

Source: Adopted 17/18 S&B

City and FEMA Costs

	9 FIRE RECRUITS 3 YEARS	
	City Funds	Grant Funds
18/19 FY - 25/75%	\$186,501	\$559,504
19/20 FY - 25/75%	\$186,501	\$559,504
20/21 FY - 65/35%	\$484,904	\$261,102
	\$857,906	\$1,380,110



Offsetting Savings

- **2017**
 - **178 Shifts of Firefighter and Fire Apparatus Operator overtime had to be covered.**
- **During the Grant period**
 - **Recommend using overstaffing positions to reduce overtime by 178 shifts**
 - **Over the life of the grant should save approximately \$567,000**
 - **At this time approximate cost to the City \$350,000-\$450,000.**



Recommendation

Authorize the Fire Department to submit an application to the Department of Homeland Security for consideration of funding under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for the hiring of nine limited term firefighters.

Questions?

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September 15, 2015
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