

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)
Grant Application

DATE OF MEETING: January 25, 2022

Work Session/Regular
Session

BUDGET IMPACT: \$1,653,413.31 (100% reimbursed by grant)

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- FEMA Funding: \$1,653,413.31
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: FEMA Grant- SAFER (Staffing For Adequate and Emergency Response)

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Lowndes County Fire Rescue is requesting approval to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for nine (9) firefighters. The purpose of the SAFER Grant Program is to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist with increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards, to attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.

This grant is very competitive, with priority given to those departments that utilize backfill to meet NFPA 1710 standard. This grant requires no matching funds, however, it provides funding for salary and fringe benefits only. The cost of other items such as, entry physical, uniforms, safety equipment, etc. would be the responsibility of Lowndes County. The total for the grant will be \$1,653,413.31.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize staff to submit FY 2023 SAFER Grant application for nine full time firefighter positions
2. Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Lowndes County Fire Rescue

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Lloyd Green

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: