

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT  
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT  
FUNDING IN THE FORM OF A "STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE  
FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE" ("SAFER") GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District (hereinafter referred to as "District") has made application for grant funding under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Staffing for Adequate fire and Emergency Response ("SAFER") Grant (hereinafter referred to as "Grant"); and,

WHEREAS, an award of the SAFER Grant funds will permit the District to achieve a higher level of compliance with the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1710, relating to emergency response staffing levels by facilitating the creation of up to 21 firefighter positions; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to facilitate the timely acceptance of the award of the SAFER Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District, that:

**SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.**

The recitals set forth above are true and correct and form a part of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY.**

The Board of Commissioners of the District is authorized to adopt this Resolution by Chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and other applicable laws.

SECTION 3. ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD OF SAFER GRANT.

The District, by this Resolution, hereby accepts the award of the SAFER Grant offered to the District on or around September 16, 2020, by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Fire Chief, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements and related documentation for the acceptance of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security SAFER Grant in the amount of Seven Million Nine Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and 37/100 (\$7,952,678.37) and to expend said Grant proceeds in accordance with its terms.

SECTION 4. SATISFACTION OF GRANT OBLIGATIONS.

Upon the conclusion of the steps to accept the SAFER Grant and acknowledge the finalization of the Grant acceptance by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and upon the verification that the SAFER Grant proceeds in the amount of Seven Million Nine Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and 37/100 (\$7,952,678.37) are payable to the District, without reservation or condition, the Fire Chief, or his designee, is hereby authorized to create/hire the 21 positions needed to staff station 106 for the performance period that begins , March 10, 2021, and expires March 09, 2024, unless the payment of the SAFER Grant proceeds are terminated prior to March 09, 2024. The Fire Chief is further authorized to take all necessary action as required by law and the District's contractual obligations, to fill the 21 referenced job positions for the time period of March 10, 2021 through March 09, 2024, unless the payment of the SAFER Grant proceeds are terminated prior to March 09, 2024.

SECTION 5. BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

The Fire Chief, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to initiate the necessary budget amendments to reflect the receipt of SAFER Grant proceeds for the time period beginning March 10, 2021, and expiring March 09, 2024, unless the payment of the SAFER Grant proceeds are terminated prior to March 09, 2024, in which case the budget amendments will be further amended to reflect expiration of the referenced Grant proceeds, together with the necessary budget amendments related to the hiring of District employees for the referenced job positions

for the time period beginning March 10, 2021, and expiring March 09, 2024, unless the payment of the SAFER Grant proceeds are terminated prior to March 09, 2024.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or other provision of this Resolution is held unconstitutional, inoperative or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. RESCISSION.

The Board of Commissioners hereby rescinds all prior resolutions and other official action of the Board of Commissioners to the extent of any conflict with any part of this Resolution.

SECTION 8. CONSTRUCTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

This resolution shall be liberally construed to affect the purposes hereof and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER Carter  
WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER  
Bennett. UPON BEING PUT TO A VOTE, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Commissioner Catherine Kruse     \_\_\_ aye  
Commissioner Linda Carter        \_\_\_ aye  
Commissioner Robert Bennett     \_\_\_ aye  
Commissioner Debra Cunningham \_\_\_ aye  
Commissioner Lucia Sherman     *JS* Not Present

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 29th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE LEHIGH ACRES FIRE  
CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Catherine Kruse, Chair

ATTEST:

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Lucia Sherman, Secretary