

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services **DIVISION:** Grants Administration

AUTHORIZED BY: Lisa Spriggs *LS* **CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero *JB* **EXT.** 7125

Agenda Date <u>06/27/06</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to submit a grant application to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program; and, authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

[Dept Contact: Fire Chief Leeanna Raw (407) 665-5188]

BACKGROUND:

The US Department of Homeland Security is offering the SAFER Grant Program to assist fire departments with increasing the number of on-staff firefighters. The goal of the program is for SAFER grantees to enhance their ability to attain 24-hour staffing and thus assuring their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

If awarded, the grant would provide supplemental funds for the two (2) peak load firefighter positions included in the FY 2006/07 budget tentatively approved by the Board. These positions address the increased support levels needed in the Southwest area of the county. The grant period spans 5 years, funding a total of \$103,500 per position with annual decreases in the Federal government's shared cost (please see attached).

The proposed application would request \$207,000. Matching funds of \$365,927 will be funded by the Fire Fund.

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: _____
Other: _____
DCM: <i>JS</i>
CM: <i>JB</i>
File No. <u>CFSG01</u>

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: US Department of Homeland Security

DATE DUE: June 30, 2006

PROJECT TITLE: Hiring of two (2) Firefighters – Peak Load

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Assistant Fire Chief, Terry Winn

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Asst Fire Chief, Terry Winn

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This 5-year performance grant would allow for supplementary funds for the two (2) peak load firefighters tentatively approved by the Board for FY 2006/07. Listed below are Federal share versus applicant share for the grant period. Please note, the amounts are adjusted to reflect a 4% COLA per year:

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
Federal Share	\$ 74,520	\$ 66,240	\$ 41,400	\$ 24,840	\$ 0
Applicant Share	\$ 31,258	\$ 43,769	\$ 73,009	\$ 94,146	\$123,745
Total Costs	\$105,778	\$110,009	\$114,409	\$118,986	\$123,745

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$207,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): \$365,927

SOURCES OF MATCH: Fire Fund

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$572,927

GRANT FUNDING IS:

COMPETITIVE

ENTITLEMENT

CONTRACT