

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A FY 2025 FEMA  
ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG)**

**WHEREAS**, the Mankato Department of Public Safety has identified a need to upgrade the Public Address (PA) system at the three fire stations; and

**WHEREAS**, the PA system is used to notify firefighters when there is an emergency call; and

**WHEREAS**, the upgraded PA system would integrate with Computer-Aided Dispatch to reduce dispatch delays, ensuring a prompt response. Safety features would include “ramped tones” that gradually increase in volume to prevent sudden adrenaline spikes and reduce cardiovascular stress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has appropriated \$291 million in grant funds to support the development of health, wellness, and resiliency initiatives to prepare responders for incidents, improve operational efficiency, promote interoperability, and strengthen community resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, if awarded, the grant reimburses 90% of actual program costs; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council for the City of Mankato that the City Manager be and hereby is authorized to apply for grant funding under the AFG program.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026

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Najwa Massad  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City Mankato