

RESOLUTION 25-R-080

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Schertz Fire Department has a need to increase the number of trained personnel to ensure adequate fire and emergency response capabilities in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Schertz Fire Department is committed to ensuring the highest level of public safety and emergency response for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Schertz Fire Department plays a critical and indispensable role in providing fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, technical rescue operations, wild fire operations, fire prevention, and emergency management, essential to the well-being and security of our community; and

WHEREAS, adequate staffing levels within the Schertz Fire Department are paramount to maintaining effective response times, ensuring Firefighter safety, and providing comprehensive emergency services in a rapidly growing or evolving operational environment; and

WHEREAS, the federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides critical financial assistance to eligible fire departments for the purpose of increasing or maintaining the number of trained, frontline firefighters; and

WHEREAS, securing SAFER Grant funding would directly enable the City of Schertz to hire six additional career firefighters, improve firefighter recruitment and retention efforts, enhance overall operational capacity and community resilience without solely burdening local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Schertz recognizes the significant benefits of the SAFER Grant Program in supporting local fire departments and is committed to leveraging all available resources to enhance our emergency response capabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit for and accept the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program not to exceed the amount of **ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS. (\$1,979,648) during the FY26, FY27, and FY28.**

Section 2. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.

Section 3. All resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 5. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 6. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 1st day of July, 2025.

CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila Edmondson, City Secretary