

RESOLUTION NO. 18 _____

2024

RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S ("FEMA") FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROGRAM FOR UP TO \$75,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO BE USED FOR NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION ("NFPA") - 1582 MEDICAL EVALUATION PROGRAM FOR THE MEMBERS OF SCRANTON'S FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Fire of the City of Scranton ("City") is desirous of obtaining funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 to apply for \$75,000.00 for the National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA") - 1582 Medical Evaluation Program; and

WHEREAS, the NFPA 1582 standard requires firefighters to undergo several medical evaluations throughout their careers, outlines the minimum requirements for medical evaluations, including the initial evaluation, periodic evaluations, and evaluations following significant events or injuries, and provides many benefits if adhered to, including but not limited to protection of firefighter health and safety, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, improved productivity and reduced absenteeism, and enhanced reputation and community trust; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton's Fire Department seeks to allow for the application and potential acceptance of the EMW-2023-FG-01108 application for Assistance to Firefighters Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is one of three grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) focus on enhancing the safety of the firefighters and therefore public with respect to fire and fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTAs) for critical training and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the AFG Program aims to provide critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, outfit responders with compliant personal protective equipment to increase responders' physical protection against hazards during incident response, provide funding to retrofit or modify facilities to protect personnel from known health hazards, acquire emergency response vehicles, design and implement health, wellness and resiliency programs that prepare responders for incident response, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton's Fire Department is in need of tools and resources to offset the cost of NFPA 1582 Medical Evaluations.

Introduced in Council on above date and referred to Committee on February 27, 2024

PUBLIC SAFETY

City Clerk

Scranton, Pa. March 5, 2024
Committee on Public Safety reports favorably on the within resolution

Chair

CERTIFIED COPY

City Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON ratifies and approves the execution and submission of the FEMA FY 2023 grant to apply for up to \$75,000.00 for the above-referenced and hereby incorporated purposes.

SECTION 1. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Resolution or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Resolution and the effective administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is enacted by the Council of the City of Scranton under the authority of the Act of Legislature, April 13, 1972, Act No. 62, Known as the "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law", and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

Passed by the Council

March 5, 2024

Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons

KING, SCHUSTER, ROTHCHILD, MCANDREW, SMURL

Negative NONE



President

Approved 3/11/2024



Mayor



City Clerk

Certified Copy