

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-65

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL UNDER THE OREGON FIRE SERVICE CAPACITY PROGRAM FOR TWO FIREFIGHTERS

WHEREAS, The Oregon State Fire Marshal will distribute general fund dollars through the Oregon Fire Service Capacity Program (OFSCP) to Oregon fire agencies to encourage an increase in permanent local firefighters, and

WHEREAS, the OFSCP is intended for small to medium Oregon fire agencies; and

WHEREAS, the OFSCP offers funding of 90% the first year, 75% the second year, and 50% the third year for two full-time permanent Firefighter positions over a three year period; and

WHEREAS, this resolution seeks only the authority to apply for the grant and staff would return to the Council to consider accepting the grant if awarded; and

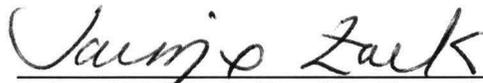
WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is November 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the Fire Chief to submit a grant application to the Office of the State Fire Marshal for two firefighters.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 14th day of November, 2022.



Jaime N. Zaik, Acting City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor this 14th day of November, 2022.



Peter B. Truax, Mayor



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<i>CITY RECORDER USE ONLY:</i>	
AGENDA ITEM #:	<u>F.5</u>
MEETING DATE:	<u>11.14.2022</u>
FINAL ACTION:	<u>RESO 2022-65</u>

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

TO: *City Council*

FROM: *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

PROJECT TEAM: *Jim Geering, Fire Chief
Paul Downey, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director*

MEETING DATE: *November 14, 2022*

SUBJECT TITLE: *Authority to Submit Grant Application for Firefighter Staffing*

ACTION REQUESTED:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Order	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational
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X all that apply

ISSUE STATEMENT: In 2021, the Oregon Legislature appropriated general fund dollars to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to create the Oregon Fire Service Capacity Program (OFSCP). The OFSCP is grant program to increase permanent local firefighters and fire prevention staffing for small to medium Oregon fire agencies.

BACKGROUND: The OFSCP offers funding for two full-time permanent firefighters per entity. Potential grant funding is offered for three consecutive years and would pay for 90%, 75%, and 50% of a firefighter position for each of the three years, respectively. The application deadline is November 30, 2022 and awards are made in January, 2023.

Recall the recently passed operating levy envisioned hiring up to four firefighters throughout the levy period, one in FY 23-24 and three in FY 25-26. The firefighter envisioned in FY 23-24 was moved up one year and approved in the FY 22-23 budget, leaving three firefighters to hire. Also recall the City already applied for a federal Fire Safer Grant for those three firefighters that covers 100% of their cost for three years. Both grant applications are intended to back-up the other in the event one is not successful, and, to provide bridge funding until the firefighters can be funded by the levy.

FISCAL IMPACT: This resolution only seeks approval to submit a grant application to the State Fire Marshal. If the grant is awarded, depending on the outcome of the federal Fire Safer Grant, staff will return to Council for final approval to accept the grant and authorize matching funds. Matching funds would cost approximately \$10,000 the first year, \$25,000 the second year, and \$50,000 the third year per firefighter.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council approve the resolution.

ATTACHMENT(s): Resolution **2022-65**.