

RESOLUTION 24-267

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FY24
FEMA/DHS FIRE SERVICE GRANTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Hill operates a career fire department that responds to all hazards within the City; and

WHEREAS, FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security manage various federal grants that provide funding to Fire Departments for programs that are related to the acquisition of equipment, training, firefighter staffing, and public education; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to apply for these competitive grants in order to acquire needed equipment, to bolster staffing, and to provide additional educational resources which are not currently allocated in the fiscal year budget; and

WHEREAS, the department is not otherwise able to move forward with these initiatives due to budgetary constraints and the potential grant awards will be a major improvement in service delivery of the fire department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee that the Fire Chief be authorized to:

1. Collect information, conduct research, and make applications to the FEMA FY24 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER), and Fire Prevention and Safety
2. Submit applications electronically by application deadlines.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, this 18th Day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:



April Goad, City Recorder



Jim Hagaman, Mayor

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:



Patrick Carter, City Attorney



REQUEST: *Approval of Resolution 24-267*
SUBMITTED BY: Graig Temple, Fire Chief
DATE: November 18, 2024
RE: Permission to apply for FY24 FEMA/DHS Grants

PURPOSE:

The Purpose of this resolution is to allow the Fire Department Administration to begin the process of collecting data, conducting research, and drafting applications for the FY24 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG), Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER), and the Fire Prevention and Safety (FPS) Grants.

BACKGROUND:

DHS/FEMA annually provides funding for various emergency services programs. These programs focus on equipment needs, training, adding additional staffing, and enhancing public education and safety programs. The grant opportunities provide the department the ability to fill gaps between the general budget and department needs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The AFG and FPS Grants require up to a 15% match of federally awarded funds to ensure completion of the program. SAFER Grants do not require any match; however, employers are responsible for covering costs associated with PPE, Training, etc.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 24-267 to authorize the Fire Chief to make application to each of the grant programs for initiatives identified by the Fire Department that will provide enhanced services and operational capabilities within the city.