

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09-042R**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT (SAFER) FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana (City) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Resolution constitutes an exercise of the City's home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Department of Homeland Security, on February 1, 2021, released the Notice of Funding Opportunity, Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana Fire Department is currently working with staffing levels below the recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1710: Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Urbana applied to FEMA for the SAFER grant to assist with the cost of increased staffing; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA has approved a \$1,709,748 grant for the City of Urbana for the Fire Department's staffing efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, said grant will be used to fully fund the salaries and benefits for six fire suppression positions within the City of Urbana Fire Department for a three-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, after due consideration, finds that the acceptance of the grant promotes the fiscal welfare of the City, is in the best interests of the residents of the City, and is desirable for the welfare of the City's government and affairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, that the Mayor be authorized to accept the SAFER grant and the terms set forth within the grant agreement.

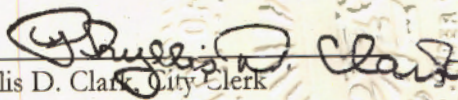
**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



AYES: Quisenberry, Wilken, Bishop, Kolisetty, Hursey, Evans, Wu

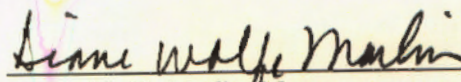
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk



**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

  
Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor