CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 127

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION UNDER THE FIREFIGHTER EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation uses the Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant (FEEG) Program to partner with Ohio employers to minimize exposure to dangerous environmental elements; and

WHEREAS, the program is available to eligible Ohio employers who wish to purchase personal protective equipment for their firefighters for protection against exposure to environmental elements; and

WHEREAS, eligible Ohio firefighter employers may apply for and receive up to \$15,000.00, with a 5 to 1 match required from the City; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its Fire Department, is requesting authorization to apply for any available funding for the purchase of hoods with barrier protection and washable gloves; and

WHEREAS, when the City is advised that its application for funding under the Grant program is approved, the City is desirous of accepting such award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or Fire Chief to execute and file an application for financial assistance with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation under the Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant Program for the purchase of personal protective equipment, being hoods with barrier protection and washable gloves, for the Strongsville Fire Department, as more fully set forth in the application on file in the office of the Fire Chief; and further authorizes the Mayor, Director of Finance, Fire Chief, and/or their authorized representatives to provide, execute and deliver whatever certifications, assurances and such other information as may be required in connection therewith.

- **Section 2.** That this Council hereby approves the acceptance of any award of funding under such Grant program, and hereby authorizes the Mayor, Director of Finance, Fire Chief, and other appropriate officers of the City to do all things necessary in furtherance thereof.
- **Section 3.** That any advance of funds under this Ordinance and/or the City's portion of costs to meet its obligations under said grant shall be paid from the Fire Levy Fund.

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Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to timely file such application in order for the City to participate in such grant funding to continue to provide for the protection of the City's firefighters, to accept such funds when awarded, and to conserve public funds. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Approved Morros B. Sundr Mayor Date Approved: Sept. 3, 2024
Attest: Piutka Clerk of Council Ord. No. 2024 - /27 Amended: Ist Rdg 29-23-24 Ref: Pad Rdg. 540 Amended: Ref: Ref: Ref: Public Hrg. Ref: Adopted: 29-23-24 Defeated: