

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 068

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) FUNDS GRANT PROGRAM, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR HIRING OF NEW, ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS AND/OR THE COSTS RELATED TO SALARIES AND ACTUAL BENEFITS FOR THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Strongsville Fire Department is in need of new firefighter/paramedics to fill positions vacant through retirements; ensure proper continued staffing of all fire stations; comply with applicable federal standards, and to ensure quality levels of service and response times; and

WHEREAS, the expense of undertaking employment of additional firefighter/paramedics required to fulfill the demands upon Strongsville for fire operations and safety are beyond the City's current budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, under the authority of the Federal Fire Protection and Control Act, 15 USC §2229a, et. seq., the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program, has been established and is implemented by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, this Grant Program provides funding to fire departments for, among other things, critically needed resources to hire new, additional firefighters and costs related to their salaries and actual benefits; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the City of Strongsville is desirous of applying for SAFER Grant Program funds for funding of new firefighter/paramedics and costs related to salaries and actual benefits in order to provide desirable staffing levels for its Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, there is a cost share requirement associated with the grant, and therefore, the City would be required to contribute 25 percent of the actual costs incurred in each of the first and second years of the grant, and 65 percent of the actual costs incurred in the third year of the grant; 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 approves the filing of an application with the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for SAFER Grant Program funds on behalf of the City of Strongsville, for funding in order to

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provide for new, additional firefighters and costs related to salaries and actual benefits for its Fire Department, in accordance with the application on file with the Fire Chief, which is in all respects hereby approved.

Section 2. That this Council hereby approves the certification that the information contained in the application for assistance is true and correct; and further authorizes and directs the Mayor, Fire Chief, and Director of Finance to provide, execute and deliver appropriate certifications, assurances and such other information as may be required in connection therewith.

Section 3. That this Council hereby approves the acceptance of any award of funding under such Grant program for FY2024, 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 4. That the City's portion of costs for the implementation of the Grant shall be paid from the Fire Levy Fund.

Section 5. 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 6. 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 approve the filing of the application in order to meet the filing deadline and be eligible for the grant program, to provide for continuity of operations of the Fire Department, to accept any award of funding, 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.



President of Council


Date Passed: June 16, 2025

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Carbone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kaminski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kosek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roff	<u>Absent</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Short	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Approved: 

Mayor

Date Approved: June 16, 2025

Attest: 

Clerk of Council

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