

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
MARCH 13, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT
AGENDA ITEM 21.C.
RESOLUTION 2023-08 – REQUEST TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR A FIRE
PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT**

Discussion: If awarded, this request is to accept \$116,057.00 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to fund a one-year full-time Fire Prevention/Community Risk Reduction position. This position will focus on multi-family rental inspections, mechanical inspections, and public education. The position will also help the Fire Department meet the increasing fire prevention demands due to the continued growth in Laconia, including the State School Property development.

Fiscal Impact: The City's share of this grant is 5%, or \$5,802.85.

Staff Recommendation: This grant acceptance is recommended due to the existing 286 multi-family rental properties and the projected growth and development of Laconia.

This report submitted by: Tim Joubert, Fire Chief

Proposed motions:

"I move to waive a reading of Resolution 2023-08 in its entirety and to read by title only."

"I move a first reading of Resolution 2023-08, relative to authorizing application and acceptance of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant in the amount of \$116,057.00."

"I move to schedule a public hearing on March 27, 2023 during the regular City Council meeting to gather public input prior to any action being taken."