

1 RESOLUTION 2026-067

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES,  
4 FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO APPLY TO THE  
5 FISCAL YEAR 2025 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY (FP&S) GRANT  
6 PROGRAM THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
7 (FEMA); PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR  
8 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire  
11 Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant is a competitive federal grant program that supports fire  
12 prevention efforts, public education, code enforcement, and firefighter health and safety  
13 initiatives;

14 WHEREAS, the FP&S program is part of FEMA’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant portfolio  
15 and is designed to reduce fire risk through community education, prevention programming, and  
16 safety-related initiatives for fire service personnel;

17 WHEREAS, potential eligible uses of FP&S funding may include fire prevention education  
18 materials, community risk reduction programs, public outreach initiatives, and firefighter safety  
19 or behavioral health projects, depending on final application development and program  
20 guidelines;

21 WHEREAS, the Fire Department has identified a need to expand its fire prevention and  
22 life safety capabilities for service to the City, primarily due to continued population growth,  
23 increased development, and rising emergency call volume,

24 WHEREAS, strengthening these efforts is intended to reduce preventable incidents,  
25 improve public safety outcomes, and support long-term service demand management;

1           WHEREAS, City Staff, upon acknowledgment of consensus by the City Commission  
2 submitted under the Fiscal Year 2025 FEMA FP&S Grant Program in conjunction with the Fiscal  
3 Year 2025 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Hiring Activity Grant and  
4 the FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program to support coordinated  
5 improvements in staffing, prevention, and operational capacity;

6           WHEREAS, the City’s application to the Fiscal Year 2025 FP&S Grant seeks funding to  
7 support a Life Safety Officer position in which the role would focus on community risk reduction,  
8 fire prevention education, code support, and data-driven analysis of fire and EMS trends;

9           WHEREAS, the Life Safety Officer would be responsible for developing and managing fire  
10 prevention and community risk reduction initiatives;

11           WHEREAS, duties would include public education programs, fire safety outreach,  
12 coordination of prevention activities, support for code-related initiatives, and analysis of fire and  
13 EMS data to identify trends and reduce community risk, and the position would also support  
14 firefighter safety initiatives and assist in implementing strategies to reduce line-of-duty risk;

15           WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that the Fiscal Year 2025 FEMA FP&S Grant  
16 Program grant is highly competitive and subject to federal evaluation criteria;

17           WHEREAS, while FP&S grants typically do not require a local match, the City may be  
18 responsible for the economic costs associated with the Life Safety Officer position after the grant  
19 period concludes unless alternate funding sources are identified;

20           WHEREAS, if awarded, the FP&S Grant would fund only a portion of the salary and  
21 benefits for the Life Safety Officer position during the grant term;

1           WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges that although an immediate fiscal  
2           commitment was not required at the time the application was submitted, the City Commission  
3           should anticipate its obligation to fund the Life Safety Officer position from the future general  
4           fund unless offset by other funding.

5           WHEREAS, City staff recommend that the City Commission ratify the City's submission of  
6           the Fiscal Year 2025 FEMA FP&S Grant application and support continued pursuit of the grant  
7           opportunity to fund a Life Safety Officer position within the Fire Department; and

8           WHEREAS, if awarded, City staff will return to the City Commission with any required  
9           budget amendments and implementation details, including any long-term funding  
10          considerations for sustaining the position beyond the grant performance period.

11          NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
12          LAUDERDALE LAKES AS FOLLOWS:

13          SECTION 1.   ADOPTION OF RECITALS: The foregoing RECITALS are hereby ratified and  
14          confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

15          SECTION 2.   AUTHORITY: The City Commission hereby authorizes the Acting City  
16          Manager to apply to the Fiscal Year 2025 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program  
17          through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

18          SECTION 3.   INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk and other appropriate  
19          City Officials are hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to effectuate the intent  
20          of this Resolution.

21          SECTION 4.   EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its  
22          final passage.

