



## COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. The first meeting of every month is at 9:30AM while the second meeting of every month takes place at 5:30PM. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 5/28/2025 Meeting Date: 6/5/2025

Department: BCC Administration

### 1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Columbia County Fire & Rescue requests to apply for a SAFER grant for three additional Firefighter/Paramedics or one new position per shift. This will allow for an improved response to both fire and medical calls and reduce on-scene times for EMS.

recipients are 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. In year 4 the full cost becomes a reoccurring budget expense.

### 2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve for the Columbia County Fire & Rescue requests to apply for a SAFER

### 3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

## David Kraus

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### **FY 2024 FP&S and SAFER Grant Application Periods - Open TODAY**

The FY 2024 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Application periods **open May 23, 2025, at 9 a.m. ET and close July 3, 2025, at 5 p.m. ET.**

Plan your FY 2024 FP&S or SAFER application by reviewing the FY 2024 FP&S or SAFER NOFO today at:

- [FY 2024 FP&S NOFO](#)
- [FY 2024 SAFER NOFO](#)

Additional application guidance materials can be found at [Fire Prevention & Safety Documents](#) and [Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\) Documents](#).

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#### **Application Portal**

The online FP&S and SAFER grant applications are available through the FEMA GO (FEMA Grants Outcomes) application portal at <https://go.fema.gov>.

All users must have their own FEMA GO account. Each account is specific to the authorized user and must not be shared with other personnel. [A FEMA GO Account Creation User Guide](#) can be viewed on the SAFER Program website or downloaded to your computer.

Web Browser Information:

FEMA GO will only support the most recent major release of the following browsers:

- Google Chrome;
- Internet Explorer;
- Mozilla Firefox;
- Apple Safari; and
- Microsoft Edge.

Users who attempt to use tablet type devices or other browsers may encounter issues with using FEMA GO.

### **SAM.gov Registration Required**

All eligible applicants **must** be registered and active in the System for Award Management (SAM) **before** you can start an application. To register or validate your SAM.gov information, visit <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>. Please see page 17 of the [FY 24 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for more information.

### **FY 2024 FP&S and SAFER Application Development Training Series**

The [FY 2024 Application Development Training Series - YouTube](#) is a playlist of videos designed to educate eligible applicants on all aspects related to developing a successful application for the FP&S and SAFER programs. The videos cover the fundamentals of the program, the application submission process and activity-specific topics.

Additional application guidance materials can be found at [Fire Prevention & Safety Documents](#) and [Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\) Documents](#).

**AFGP Home Page:** <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>

#### **AFG Regional**

**Representatives:** <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/regional/contacts>

#### **AFGP Help Desk:**

**Help Desk Hours:** M F 8 a.m. 4:30 p.m. ET

**Help Desk Email:** [firegrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:firegrants@fema.dhs.gov)

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