

RESOLUTION NO. 1837

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AMERICAN REINVESTMENT AND RECOVERY ACT – PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RAPID RESPONSE MARINE VESSEL TO BE USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE PROTECTION AND DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE PORT OF SALISBURY AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

WHEREAS, the Fire Department desired to replace its existing Fire Boat with a unit that would enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Department made application for grant funds for this purpose from a program administered by the United States (US) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act – Port Security Grant Program (ARRA-PSGP) designed to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, particularly attacks using explosives and non-conventional threats that could cause major disruption to commerce and assist fire departments with the acquisition of tools and equipment to enhance their operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has been offered a grant award in the amount of \$903,500.00 from the ARRA-PSGP to be used for the purchase of a rapid response marine vessel; and


WHEREAS, both the Fire Chief and the Mayor have recommended that the City accept these funds; and,


WHEREAS, City policy requires that grants funds can only be accepted with the approval of City Council,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Salisbury accepts these grant funds and expresses its sincere appreciation to the United States Department of Homeland Security's American Reinvestment and Recovery Act – Port Security Grant Program administrators for its recognition of and contribution to the City's efforts to further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the services provided by the Fire Department to the citizens of the City and the Salisbury Fire District.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on October 12, 2009, and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:


Brenda J. Colegrove
CITY CLERK


Louise Smith
PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED BY ME THIS

13th DAY OF October, 2009


James Preton, Jr.,
MAYOR, CITY OF SALISBURY

Fire Department

City of Salisbury

Departmental

MEMO

To: Mr. John Pick, City Administrator

Date: 30 September 2009



From: Richard A. Hoppes, Acting Fire Chief

Subject: Resolution / ARRA-PSGP Grant Acceptance

As you know the department participated in United States Department of Homeland Security American Reinvestment and Recovery Act – Port Security Grant Program for the purchase of acquiring grant money to purchase a rapid response marine vessel to be used by the fire department in the protection and delivery of emergency services to the port of Salisbury and surrounding areas.

I was recently notified that the department has been selected as a recipient of a grant award of \$903,500.00; which is the sum total of our request. It is important to understand that this is grant that is intended to and will cover 100% of the cost for the project

City policy requires that all financial contributions and grants can only be accepted with the approval of the City Council. Therefore, attached you will find a resolution that when passed by the Council will authorize the acceptance of this financial contribution.

Should you require additional information please feel free to contact me.

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