



## News Release

(March 15, 2011) The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded the City of Gallatin a SAFER Grant in the amount of \$1,532,003 to fund 15 additional firefighters in the City.

"This grant is a tremendous award to the City," Mayor Jo Ann Graves said. "These funds will be used primarily to staff the new fire hall on Big Station Camp Boulevard which is scheduled to be complete by the end of the summer."

SAFER Grants – or Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response – were created to provide funding directly to fire departments to help them increase the number of trained, front-line firefighters. The goal is to help local fire departments comply with staffing, response and operation standards established by National Fire Protection Association and the Occupational Safety & Health Administration.

"This grant is 100% funding of salary and benefits for the 15 additional firefighters for two years," Mayor Graves explained. "It is a tremendous savings to the City, but more importantly, it allows the City to expand fire protection services to our citizens."

The City has begun the process of taking applications. Persons interested in the firefighter positions should contact the City of Gallatin Personnel Department at 615-451-5890.

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