

RESOLUTION NO. 47

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: HEALTH & SAFETY
RE: IAFF CENTER OF EXCELLENCE GRANT PROGRAM**

1 WHEREAS, the IAFF Center of Excellence
2 opened its doors on March 5, 2017 in partnership
3 with Advance Recovery Systems (ARS) as a one of a
4 kind behavioral health treatment facility for fire
5 fighters and their families; and

6 WHEREAS, a 15-acre facility with more than 60
7 treatment beds was constructed just outside of
8 Washington, DC; and

9 WHEREAS, it was designed with the firehouse in
10 mind and was built to make fire fighters feel at home;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, each treatment program at the IAFF
13 Center of Excellence is backed by scientific research
14 and fire fighter health is their priority, with the
15 support of doctors, family, and IAFF peers; and

16 WHEREAS, from March 2017 to January 2018,
17 the IAFF Center of Excellence treated 165 IAFF
18 members; and

19 WHEREAS, from March 2017 to January 2018, a
20 number of IAFF members have been denied
21 acceptance into the IAFF Center of Excellence due to
22 lack of medical insurance coverage or the ability to
23 pay for the treatment out of pocket; and

24 WHEREAS, the right for all IAFF members and
25 families to receive quality behavioral health
26 treatment should be a goal supported by the entire
27 membership; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the IAFF establish a fund
29 providing a minimum of five full grants for treatment
30 at the IAFF Center of Excellence annually; and be it
31 further

32 RESOLVED, That the IAFF will develop a policy
33 with ARS to waive all out of pocket fees to the
34 member; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the grant program be
36 administered and grants approved through the IAFF
37 Foundation and that any member applying for a grant
38 will have their confidentiality rights protected.

Submitted by: Local F-253, Fort Myer, VA
Federal Fire Fighters Joint Council, J-001
Local F-61, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard
Local F-273, Fort Belvoir, VA
Local F-121, National Capital Professional
Federal Fire Fighters
Local F-282, Puget Sound Federal Fire Fighters
Local F-25, Tidewater Federal Fire Fighters
Local F-88, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Local F-292, Rock Island Arsenal
Local F-267, Aberdeen Proving Ground
Local F-294, White Sands Professional Fire
Fighters Association
Local F-7, West Point
Local 1235, Fairborn, OH
Local 2141, Alexandria, VA

Cost Estimate: 5 ¼ cents

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: