

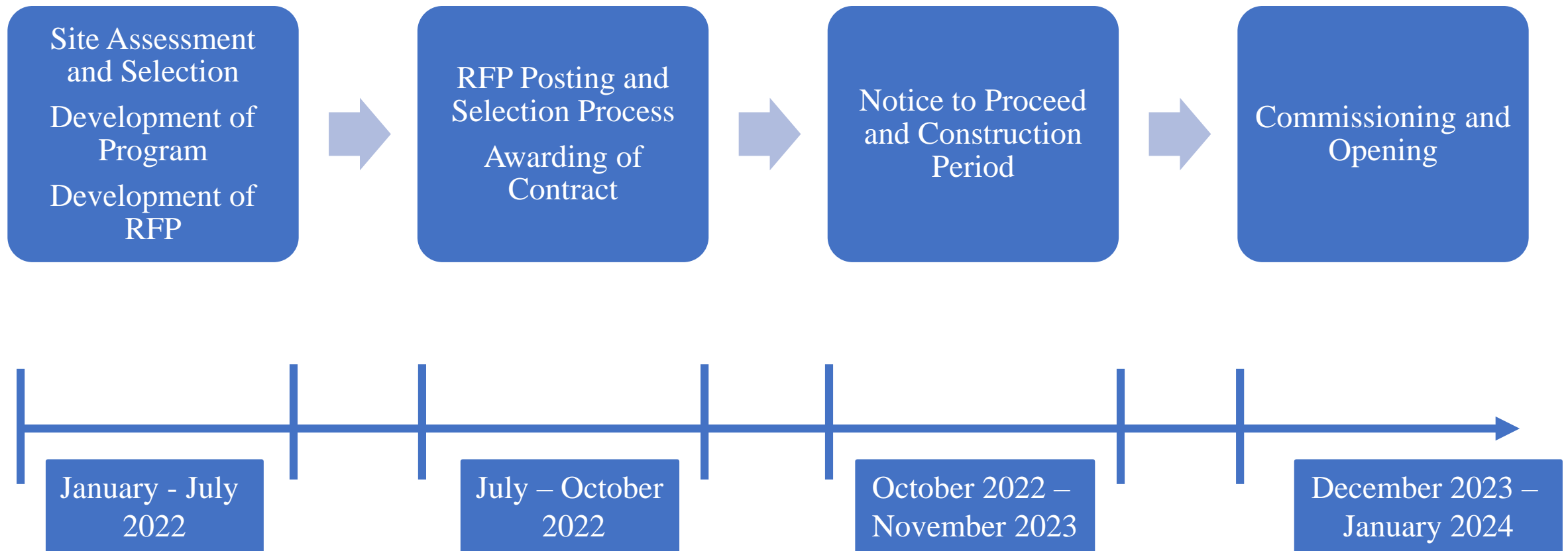


Presentation to Harrisonburg City Council

Fire Station #5 Timeline and Staffing Plan

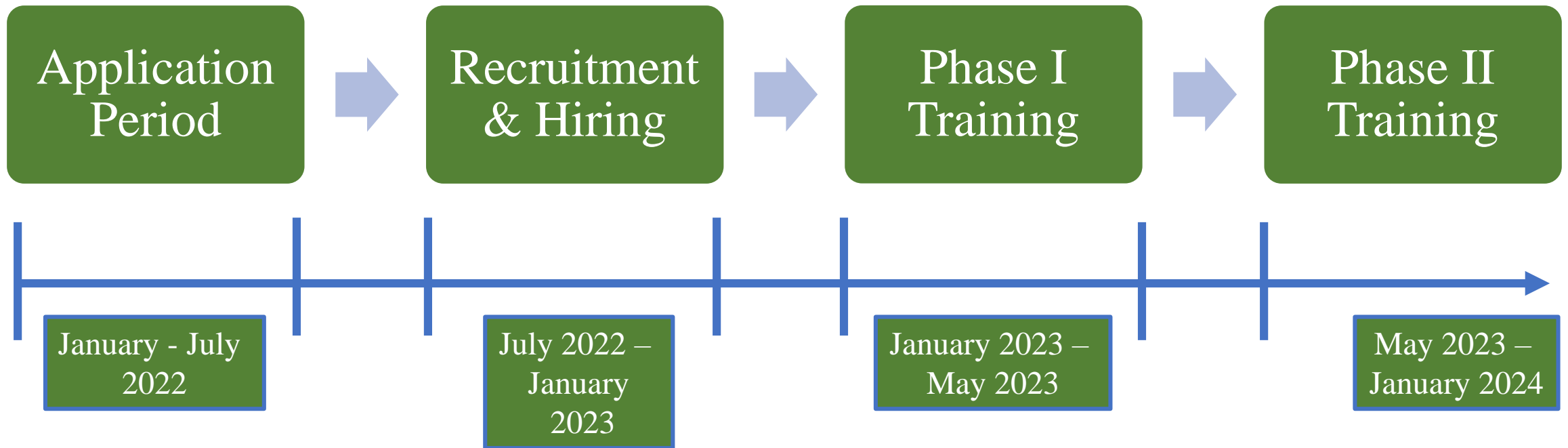
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Station #5 Project Timeline - Construction



Station #5 Project Timeline – Personnel

- Personnel should be in place before the new station opens



Fire Station #5 Staffing

Grant Funding Opportunity

- SAFER – *Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant*
 - Federally-funded through the Department of Homeland Security & FEMA
 - \$560,000,000
 - 500 awards to be given
 - Provides 100% of salaries for new firefighters for three years
 - Defrays the personnel costs until January 2026
 - No jurisdiction cost match is new
 - Application period is open now

Proposed Scope of SAFER Grant

- 15 Firefighters to staff the Station 24/7/365
- Fiscal value over 3 years: \$2,800,000
- Midway through FY 2026, City assumes financial responsibility ~ \$1,000,000 per year going forward



Probability of Success

Grant is evaluated on nationally recognized criteria

- Improvement in service by reducing response times
- Compliance with NFPA 1710 staffing model (4 firefighters on fire engine)
- Awarded in whole based on points earned in the evaluation process

No Guarantees, but ...

- History of success in Harrisonburg
- Higher probability based on criteria

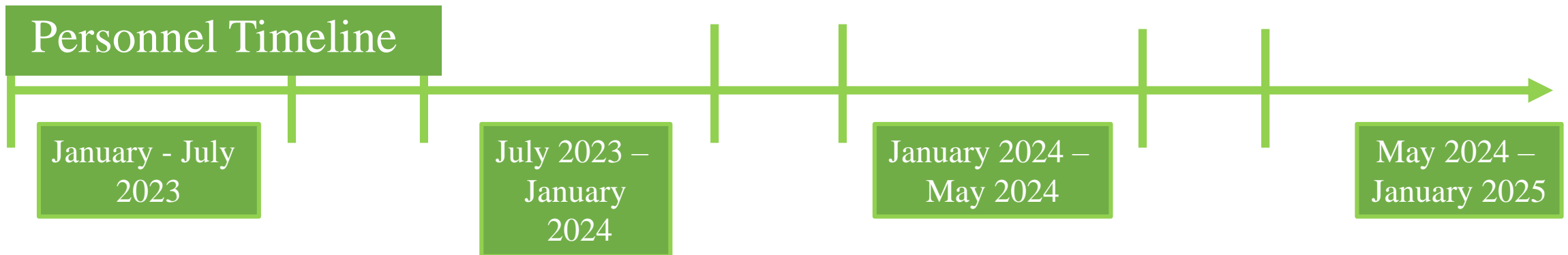
If SAFER Grant is not awarded in 2022 ...

- Advance timeline by 1 year
 - Preserves ability to use ARPA funds for construction
 - Allows us to re-apply for the SAFER Grant

Station Design and Construction Timeline



Personnel Timeline



SUMMARY

- Additional firefighters (in the correct location) represent the critical factor in achieving ISO Class 1 designation
- On-duty staffing in the City Fire Department improves to 21 firefighters (from 17)
- SAFER exists for this type of investment in public safety
- Supports goal of meeting NFPA 1710: A national consensus standard that defines safe and appropriate levels of service