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To: The Mayor
The Council

From: Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated August 3, 2011; referred for report August 3, 2011.

Subject: **ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD (FY10 SHSGP)**

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Public Safety is requesting authority to accept the Fiscal Year 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program (FY10 SHSGP) award in the amount of \$756,149 from the United States Department of Homeland Security. The grant is for the term of October 28, 2010 through April 30, 2013. The grant will be used to support three Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) projects which include Regional Green Cell (RGC) training (\$200,000); Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) training (\$276,849), and Hazardous Materials (HazMat) training (\$279,300). No matching funds are required of this grant.

The SHSGP is a federal program which provides funding for specialized homeland security equipment, exercises, training, and planning. Allocations are provided to states, which in turn provide program funding to Operational Areas within the state based on population and designated for the benefit of all first responders in the Area. The County of Los Angeles acts as the fiscal agent for this grant and the Los Angeles County Operational Area was allocated a total of \$22,668,150 in FY10 SHSGP funds in accordance with a grantor approved spending plan. As the City's liaison with respect to the FY10 SHSGP, the Mayor's Office will assist the LAFD with fiscal management and grant compliance. The Mayor's Office is requesting authority to execute an agreement with the County of Los Angeles for receipt of the FY10 SHSGP funds totaling \$756,149.

The City originally received FY10 SHSGP funds to support various Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD) and LAFD projects. However, due to the City's current financial situation and the inability to secure advance funding from the County for SHSGP funds, two EMD and two LAFD projects were modified between the FY10 SHSGP and the FY10 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grants. This would allow EMD and LAFD to request advanced funding in the FY10 UASI grant which is permissible by the terms of the grant. Therefore, there will no longer be any EMD projects funded under the FY10 SHSGP grant as originally proposed. The modification

between the two grants consisted only of changing the grant funding source of the four projects. The scopes of each project remain unchanged. Attachment Two of the Mayor's transmittal dated August 3, 2011 provides a breakdown of the original and revised FY10 SHSGP funding for EMD and LAFD projects. Grantor approval for the modifications mentioned above is pending. The Mayor's Office states that they do not anticipate any problems obtaining grantor approvals as these were previously approved projects.

Regional Green Cell Training

The RGC training prepares LAFD Command personnel, allied City agencies, regional emergency management/response personnel and their affiliated organizations in the overall preparedness programs and training to enhance the operational preparedness necessary for all hazards emergency management and incident response activities. A total of \$200,000 in FY10 SHSGP funds will be used by placing students in simulated emergency situations to teach decision making under stressful situations thereby preparing those responsible for making decisions in an all risk environment.

Urban Search and Rescue and Hazardous Materials Training

A total funding \$556,149 will be used to provide training to continue existing USAR (\$276,849) and HazMat (\$279,300) teams, including Weapons of Mass Destruction response training for all regional fire departments. Continuous training is required to maintain the minimum trained staffing levels as required under National Fire Protection Association 1670. Field and classroom training for USAR and HazMat teams include but are not limited to the following courses: Trench Rescue, Structural Collapse Technician, Confined Space Rescue, Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational, Advanced Rope Rescue, Rescue Systems One, Swift Water Rescue, HazMat Technician ABCD, HazMat Specialist FG, HazMat Technician Refresher, Assistant Safety Officer, and Weapons of Mass Destruction consortium courses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to:
 - a. Accept, on behalf of the City, the Fiscal Year 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program (FY10 SHSGP) in the amount of \$756,149 for a grant performance period from October 28, 2010 through April 30, 2013 for Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) projects;
 - b. Negotiate and execute an agreement with the County of Los Angeles for a term of up to 30 months for receipt of FY10 SHSGP funds commencing October 28, 2010, consistent with the grant budget and in accordance with the pro-forma agreement (attached to the Mayor's Office Transmittal dated August 3, 2011), subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;

- c. Receive, deposit into, and disburse from a new FY10 SHSGP Grant Fund the grant funds from the FY10 SHSGP grant award;
- d. Submit to the grantor, on behalf of the City, requests for drawdown of funds or reimbursements of City funds expended for eligible grant purposes;

2. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a new, interest-bearing Fund, titled "SHSGP 10 Grant Fund," create a receivable in the new Fund in the amount of \$756,149 for the FY10 SHSGP grant, and create appropriation accounts in the new Fund, Department 46, as follows:

<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
XXX/46	46H138	LAFD Training	\$ 756,149

- b. Expend and receive funds upon presentation of documentation and proper demand by the Mayor's Office to reimburse the Fire Department for approved FY10 SHSGP purchases;
- c. Transfer FY10 SHSGP funds to LAFD's operating budget, for a total amount up to \$756,149, upon presentation of proper documentation from LAFD, as follows:

	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FROM	XXX/46	46H138	LAFD Training	\$ 756,149
TO	100/38	1098	Sworn Overtime	\$ 756,149

- 3. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program award will provide an allocation of \$756,149 to the Los Angeles Fire Department for three Homeland Security projects. No matching funds are required. Acceptance of the grant and approving the recommendations within this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies as all associated expenses are fully reimbursed by grant funds.