

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY 17) Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant award.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to:
 - a. Spend up to the FY 17 SAFER Grant amount total of \$7,492,023 in accordance with the grant award agreement, in addition to further City costs necessary to fully implement a Light Force.
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and deposit grant funds received into LAFD Grants Fund No. 335/38.
2. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate up to \$4,620,082 to an appropriation account, number to be determined (TBD), in Fund No. 335/38 for the receipt and disbursement of the FY 17 SAFER Grant funds.
 - b. Transfer appropriations, as needed, from Fund No. 335/38, account number TBD, to Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 001012, Salaries Sworn, or Account No. 1030, Sworn Bonuses, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), of direct costs incurred during the grant performance period.
 - c. Transfer FY 17 SAFER Grant funds from Fund No. 335/38 to Fund No. 100/38, Revenue Source Code 5346, Reimbursement of Grant Related Costs, for fringe benefits and related costs upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD, subject to the CAO approval, of related costs incurred during the grant performance period.
3. **RESOLVE** that the 21 Firefighter III positions (Class Code 2112-3) are **APPROVED** and **CONFIRMED** for the period January 7, 2019 through June 30, 2019, subject to allocation by the Civil Service Commission.
4. **AUTHORIZE** the LAFD to request the reallocation of nine Firefighters to Fire Captain Engineer and Apparatus Operator.
5. **INSTRUCT** the LAFD, with assistance from the CAO, to report for approval of any plans to modify the FY 17 SAFER Grant program to add resources or change the deployment of SAFER-funded position authorities.
6. **AUTHORIZE** the LAFD and Controller, based on the LAFD submissions to the CAO of grant budget modifications approved by FEMA, to transfer funds, as needed, between Fund No. 335/38 and Fund No. 100/38, for implementation of the FY 17 SAFER Grant.

7. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the CAO approval; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

8. INSTRUCT the CAO to prepare a report for the above matter.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAFD reports that the SAFER Grant project cost is estimated at \$11.6 million with the Federal cost share of up to \$4.6 million (40 percent) and City cost share of approximately \$7.0 million (60 percent) through the grant performance period of January 7, 2019 through January 6, 2022. The SAFER Grant will provide financial assistance toward the restoration of a Light Force resource. Grant disbursements are on a reimbursement basis of actual salary and fringe benefits costs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on November 21, 2018, the Public Safety Committee considered a report from the Board of Fire Commissioners regarding the FY 17 SAFER Grant. A representative of the LAFD provided the Committee an overview of the grant award and explained how the SAFER Grant will enhance the department's ability to comply with staffing response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association. LAFD also commented on the disbursement of grant funds and City matching funds, and how this will assist in hiring personnel to staff Light Force 38 in Wilmington. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations in the Board report and for the CAO to prepare a report regarding the recommendations in the LAFD report. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER	YES
OFARRELL	YES
BUSCAINO	YES
RYU	YES
RODRIGUEZ	YES

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