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November 6, 2018

Honorable Members of the City Council  
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City Hall, Room 395  
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Honorable Eric Garcetti  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Room 303, City Hall  
Attn: Mandy Morales, Legislative Coordinator

[BFC 18-123] – ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2017 ASSISTANCE FOR FIREFIGHTERS  
GRANT PROGRAM (AFG) AWARD – EMW-2017-FO-02678

At its meeting of November 6, 2018, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the report and its recommendations. The report is hereby transmitted to the Mayor and City Council for consideration and approval.

Should you need additional information, please contact the Board of Fire Commissioners' office at 213-978-3838.

Sincerely,

Isela Iñiguez  
Acting Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

cc: Board of Fire Commissioners (without attachments)  
Fire Chief Ralph M. Terrazas (without attachments)

November 6, 2018

**LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**



RALPH M. TERRAZAS  
FIRE CHIEF

**APPROVED:** 11/6/2018  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**BY:** [Signature]  
**COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

October 22, 2018

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 18-123

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: [Signature] Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2017 ASSISTANCE FOR FIREFIGHTERS  
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FINAL ACTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**SUMMARY**

The FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program provides funding for equipment, training and personal protective equipment (PPE) to increase the safety of firefighting personnel and protect the public. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) submitted an application under the Grant to procure needed National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant bailout systems and related harness belts for all firefighters deployed in the field. The PPE safety/bailout system will allow each firefighter to be provided with safety equipment that will mitigate harm and decrease the chance for loss of life when members find themselves trapped in a multi-story building beyond the reach of any ladders.

On September 14, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the LAFD of an award of funds from the FY 2017 AFG Program to purchase 3,350 bailout systems and 1,700 harness belts. The total amount to purchase the bailout systems and related harness belts is estimated at \$1,669,491. FEMA will fund up to \$1,451,732 (85% cost share) on a reimbursement basis. The LAFD will fund 15% of the cost share or \$217,759 through the LAFD Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020. The Grant performance period for the FY 2017 AFG program is September 7, 2018 through September 6, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

1. Approve and transmit the report to the Mayor and City Council for consideration and approval.
2. Request that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

- a. Accept the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount up to \$1,451,732 for the performance period of September 7, 2018 through September 6, 2019, and any extension of the performance period granted by FEMA, and authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant on the City's behalf.
- b. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$1,400,000 from the FY 2018-19 Unappropriated Balance to Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020 in accordance with the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award.
- c. Authorize the Fire Department to expend funds in the amount of \$1,669,491 from the Fire Department's Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020 for the purchase of the bailout systems and harness belts, in accordance with the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award.
- d. Authorize the Controller to deposit the \$1,451,732 from the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant fund reimbursements into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined.
- e. Authorize the Controller to transfer \$1,400,000 from Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined to Fund 100, Department 38, Revenue Source 3811 Reimbursements from Other Agencies.
- f. Authorize the Controller to transfer the \$51,732 remainder of the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant fund reimbursement from Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined to Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020.
- g. Authorize the Fire Department to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The \$1,400,000 from the Unappropriated Balance and the LAFD FY 2018-19 Budget Account 006020 will front-fund the expenditures associated with the FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The FEMA will reimburse the LAFD up to a total of \$1,451,732. The required 15% cost share amount will be absorbed by LAFD's Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020. Grant disbursements are on a reimbursement basis upon submission of proper documentation.

Board report prepared by Philip Orozco, Senior Management Analyst I, Administrative Services Bureau.