

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

File No. 11-1941

Your PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to extending the term of the 2011 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force Cooperative Agreement.

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

1. TRANSFER \$75,000 from Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 1012 (Salaries, Sworn), to Fund No. 335/38, Account No. 011R, to support the necessary expense and purchase of equipment items that will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant.
2. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to deposit the FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund No. 335 (Fire Department Grants), Department No. 38.
3. TRANSFER FEMA grant funds, from Fund No. 335/38 to Fund No. 100/38, Account 1012 (Sworn Salaries), based on Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) submissions to the City Administrative Officer (CAO) documenting actual costs incurred for this FEMA USAR no-match Cooperative Agreement Program through the end of the extended grant term of January 31, 2014.
4. TRANSFER the uncommitted balance of advanced funds as of June 1, 2013, from Fund No. 335/38, Appropriation Account No. 011R to Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 1012 (Sworn Salaries) to meet payroll needs.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The acceptance and use of FEMA grant funds is consistent with City financial policies in that Federal grant funds will be used for one-time expenses to support the continued development and maintenance of the USAR Task Force.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Public Safety Committee dated April 5, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO recommends approval of an LAFD request to extend the term of the 2011 USAR Task Force Cooperative Agreement. On March 5, 2013, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the LAFD's request to extend the term of the agreement and related actions.

The CAO reports that on January 13, 2012, Council approved the 2011 FEMA USAR Task Force Readiness Cooperative Agreement Grant award in the amount of \$1,085,078 for LAFD to continue the development and maintenance of USAR response system resources. This grant provides for the purchase of needed equipment, uniforms, supplies, and training. According to the CAO, extending the Cooperative Agreement provides LAFD additional time to expend the remaining balance of the grant funds. Currently, a balance of \$181,173 remains to be spent.

At its meeting held April 12, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize LAFD to extend the term of USAR Task Force Cooperative Agreement, and to approve the related actions above, as recommended by the CAO and the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
ZINE:	YES

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