

**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 transferring 2011 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force Readiness Cooperative Agreement Grant funds.

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

1. TRANSFER up to \$345,000 from Fund No, 100/38, Account No. 1012 (Sworn Salaries) to Fund No, 335/38, Account No. 38011R, to support the necessary expense and purchase of equipment items that will be reimbursed by the 2011 FEMA USAR Task Force Readiness Cooperative Agreement Grant.
2. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, Fire Department, 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 Fire Department 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 grant term of January 31, 2013.
4. TRANSFER the uncommitted balance of advanced funds as of February 1, 2013, from Fund No. 335/38, Appropriation Account No. 38011R to Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 1012 (Sworn Salaries) to meet payroll needs.
5. AUTHORIZE the Fire Department to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, REQUEST that the Controller implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Acceptance and use of the 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 Mayor and Council dated August 16, 2012 (attached to the Council file), the CAO recommends the transfer of unspent 2011 FEMA USAR Task Force Readiness Cooperative Agreement Grant, and related actions, to continue the development and maintenance of USAR Response System resources. The CAO states that the grant has an unspent balance of \$345,000. As a host and sponsor of California Task Force 1, the Fire Department advances funding from its budget. As costs are incurred, the Department's FEMA grant manager validates expenditures according to FEMA financial guidelines. Once

expenditures are approved, funds are drawn down to reimburse Fire Department General Fund accounts. All expenditures are reimbursed by the FEMA grant on an on-going basis, as expenditures are processed according to City procedures.

At its meeting held August 24, 2012, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the above CAO's relative to the transfer of 2011 FEMA USAR Task Force Readiness Cooperative Agreement Grant funds in the amount of \$345,000.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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