

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

**File No. 12-1627**

**Your**

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
and PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE**

**Committees**

**report as follows:**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE and PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant award for the Los Angeles Fire Department's (LAFD) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) response system.

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

1. AUTHORIZE LAFD to accept the grant award from FEMA for the USAR Task Force, and execute a no-match cooperative agreement in the amount of \$1,276,608 for the term August 1, 2012, through January 31, 2014, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer up to \$338,175 from Fund No. 100, Department 38, Account 1012 to Department 38, Fund No. 335 (Fire Department Grants), account to be determined, to support the purchase of necessary expense and equipment items that will be reimbursed by the FEMA grant for the period August 1, 2012 through January 31, 2014.
3. AUTHORIZE LAFD to deposit the FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund 335, Department 38, account to be determined.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer:
  - a. FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38 to Fund 100/38, Account 4681 for fringe benefits upon submission of proper documentation by LAFD of actual costs incurred through January 31, 2014.
  - b. FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38 to various salary accounts within Fund 100/38, upon submission of proper documentation by LAFD of actual costs incurred from the continued development and maintenance of USAR Response System resources through January 31, 2014, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).
  - c. The uncommitted balance of advanced funds as of May 1, 2013, from Fund No. 335, Department 38, Appropriation Account to be determined, to Fund No. 100, Department 38, Account 1012 Sworn Salaries, to meet payroll needs.
5. RESOLVE that following three positions in LAFD will remain approved and authorized for the period August 1, 2012, through January 31, 2014:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Class Title</u>
2	2142	Fire Captain I
1	9184	Management Analyst II

6. AUTHORIZE LAFD to negotiate and execute:
  - a. 11 sole source, personal services contracts, each with a sum not to exceed \$99,000 during the grant period, for specialized services required by FEMA, as follows: Canine Search Specialist (one contract), Medical Team Managers (six contracts), and Structural Engineering Specialist (four contracts).
  - b. A sole source contract with Providence Health System - Southern California, DBA Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, not to exceed \$99,000, during the grant period, for medical cache maintenance, as required by FEMA.
  - c. A contract with Westchester Medical Group, not to exceed \$55,000, during the grant period, for medical examinations for California Task Force 1 (CA-TF 1) members, as required by FEMA.
  - d. A sole source contract with UCLA Medical Center, not to exceed \$99,000, during the grant period, to purchase snake anti-venom upon deployment, as required by FEMA.
7. INSTRUCT LAFD to authorize payments for the above contracts in a total amount not to exceed \$338,175, unless a FEMA authorized deployment occurs.
8. AUTHORIZE LAFD to prepare Controller's instructions for any 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. The acceptance and use of the FEMA grant funds is consistent with City financial policies in that Federal grant funds will be used to fund one-time program expenses and to fully fund three resolution authority positions to support the continued development and maintenance of the USAR Task Force.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

In a report to the Board of Fire Commissioners dated September 24, 2012 (attached to the Council file), LAFD requests authority to accept FEMA's USAR Task Force grant award and to execute various related program contracts. The Department also requests approval of three resolution authorities, and other related actions. On October 16, 2012, the Board approved LAFD's request.

In a report to the Public Safety Committee dated November 15, 2012 (attached to the Council file), the CAO concurs with the Board's action. According to the CAO, grant funds will be used for the purchase of equipment, uniforms, and supplies; contract services; and, salaries for program administration and training.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held December 14, 2012, the Committee Chair and member recommended that Council approve the CAO's recommendations. At its meeting held January 15, 2013, the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee concurred with this action.

Respectfully submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE  
COMMITTEE

MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
ALARCON:	YES
ZINE:	YES

JAW

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