

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a reprogramming of 2012 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 \$285,000 from Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 1012 (Sworn Salaries) to FundNo. 335/38, Account No. 38012R, to support the necessary expense and purchase of equipment items that will be reimbursed by the FEMA grant.
2. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to deposit the FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund No. 335/38 (Fire Department Grants).
3. TRANSFER FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38 to Fund 100/38, Account 4681 for fringe benefits upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual costs incurred through June 1, 2014.
4. TRANSFER FEMA grant funds up to \$244,782, from Fund No. 335/38 Account 38012R to FundNo. 100/38, Account 1012 (Sworn Salaries), Account 1010 (Salaries General) and Account 1098 (Variable Staffing Overtime) based on the LAFD's 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, 2015.
5. TRANSFER the uncommitted balance of advanced funds as of June 1, 2014 from Fund No. 335/38, Appropriation Account No. 38012R to Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 1012 (Sworn Salaries) to meet payroll needs.
6. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

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 Mayor and Council dated October 11, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the FEMA/USAR Task Force Readiness Cooperative Agreement grant has a remaining unspent balance of \$539,782. Since the term of the grant agreement has been extended by FEMA, a fund transfer in this amount is now required to fulfill program initiatives. On September 17, 2103, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved an LAFD request to approve the transfer of funds. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held October 25, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize LAFD to conduct the transfer of funds shown above and to approve the related actions, as recommended by the CAO and the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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