

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2013 Port Security Program grant award for use by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAFD, to accept the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) award of the 2013 Port Security Grant Program to receive reimbursement for training and training consumables purchased through the grant in the amount of \$807,285, for the grant term of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish an appropriation account, account to be determined, within Fund 335/38, for the disbursement of the 2013 Port Security Grant funds as supported by documentation submitted by the LAFD, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).
3. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAFD, to expend up to the grant amount of \$807,285 in accordance with the grant award agreement, of which up to \$675,385 will be expended from various salary accounts for backfill and overtime costs and up to \$131,900 for training supplies, travel, and tuition to be fully reimbursed by this grant.
4. TRANSFER up to \$131,900 from Fund 100/38, Account 6020 (Operating Expenses) to Fund 335/38, account to be determined, to support the necessary expenses for training supplies, travel, and tuition that will be reimbursed by this grant.
5. TRANSFER 2013 Port Security Grant funds from Fund 335/38, account to be determined to Fund No. 100/38, various accounts, based upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual costs incurred, subject to the approval of the CAO, through the end of the grant term August 31, 2015.
6. TRANSFER the uncommitted balance of advanced funds as referenced in Recommendation No. 5 above, as of June 1, 2014, from Fund 335/38, account to be determined, to Fund 100/38, Account 6020 (Operating Expenses).
7. 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 is a 25 percent cost-share grant, with all funds expended from the LAFD's General Fund accounts in advance, and 75 percent of the total expenditures reimbursed to the Department by FEMA. The LAFD has sufficient funds in the 2013-14 Operating Expenses Account to cover the grant cost match of approximately \$33,000 for response equipment purchases, and will absorb within its 2014-15 budget the cost match of approximately \$169,000 for training. Approval of the above recommendations is in compliance with City financial policies as all eligible program costs are reimbursed by the grant to support the LAFD's Port Security mission.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In a report to the Public Safety Committee dated May 16, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the CAO recommends that Council authorize LAFD to accept the 2013 Port Security Program grant award. On February 4, 2014, the Board of Fire Commissioners recommended approval of LAFD's request for authority to accept the grant award.

According to the CAO, the Port of Los Angeles has been identified as an area of significant risk and exposure to terrorism and non-terrorism-caused Weapons of Mass Destruction and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) incidents of national significance. The Port Security grant award addresses this risk by training LAFD personnel for incidents involving the use of CBRNE agents, and also provides funding for Marine Response Training, which includes command and control of maritime incidents, vessel operator tactics/training and other marine firefighting training.

The CAO reports that the CBRNE portion of the grant-approved training focuses on Hazardous Materials training. The training will provide LAFD personnel the appropriate level of training to remain certified to meet local/state/federal requirements. The Marine Response Training portion of the grant is designed to improve the preparedness prevention, response, and recovery capability of the LAFD to a maritime incident within or outside the Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach. Additionally, this training will enhance the safety and security of the Port from a major emergency event or potential terrorist attack against commercial vessel traffic. Of the total grant award, \$292,500 is designated for CBRNE hazardous materials training, \$382,885 for marine response training, and \$131,900 for marine response equipment.

At its meeting held May 23, 2014, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council authorize LAFD to accept the grant award to approve the related actions above, as recommended by the CAO and the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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