

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to a grant award for the Los Angeles Fire Department's (LAFD) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to accept the grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the USAR Task Force, and execute a no-match cooperative agreement in the amount of \$1,174,631 for the term September 1, 2014 through February 28, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. TRANSFER \$374,038 from Fund No. 100/38, Account 1012 to Department 38/335 (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 September 1, 2014 through February 28, 2016.
3. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to deposit the FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund 335/38, account to be determined.
4. TRANSFER FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38 to Fund 100/38, Revenue Source 5346 for fringe benefits upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual costs incurred through February 28, 2016.
5. TRANSFER FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38 to various salary accounts within Fund 100/38, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual costs incurred from the continued development and maintenance of USAR Response System resources through February 28, 2016, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).
6. RESOLVE, in accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 4.133(a), that authority for the following three positions in the LAFD will remain APPROVED and CONFIRMED for the period September 1, 2014 through February 28, 2016:

No. Code Class Title

- 2 2142-1 Fire Captain I
- 1 9184-2 Management Analyst II

7. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAFD, to negotiate and execute:
 - a. Eleven sole source, personal services contracts, each with a sum not to exceed \$99,000 during the period of this grant, for specialized services required by FEMA, as follows: Canine Search Specialist (two contracts), Medical Team Managers (six contracts), and Structural Engineering Specialist (three 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 period of this Grant, for medical cache maintenance, as required by FEMA.

c. A sole source contract with UCLA Medical Center, not to exceed \$99,000, during the period of this grant, to purchase snake anti-venom upon deployment, as required by FEMA.

8. INSTRUCT the LAFD to authorize payments for contracts delineated in the recommendations above in a total amount not to exceed \$374,038, unless a FEMA authorized deployment occurs.

9. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to prepare Controller 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 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 Mayor and Council dated June 11, 2015, the CAO states that LAFD requests authority to accept a grant award for its USAR Task Force, to continue resolution authority for three program positions, and approval of related actions. The FEMA grant provides for the purchase of needed equipment, uniforms, supplies, and training. Since 1993, LAFD has been a sponsoring agency for one of 28 FEMA USAR Task Forces nationwide. LAFD has received a number of FEMA grants to assist in financing various USAR Task Force activities including salary and expense costs. On May 5, 2015, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved LAFD's requests. The CAO concurs with this action.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held June 12, 2015, the Committee Chair recommended that Council authorize LAFD to accept this grant and award to approve the related actions above, as recommended by the CAO and the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

ENGLANDER: YES

BUSCAINO: ABSENT

BONIN: ABSENT

O'FARRELL: ABSENT

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

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