

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: --

To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Fire Commissioners dated October 5, 2021

Subject: **CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM – LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to expend funds up to the amount of \$261,597.90 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2019 Port Security Grant Program (FY19 PSGP) award, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the performance period of September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2022, and any extension of this performance period granted by FEMA;
2. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Deposit the FY19 PSGP grant receipts into the LAFD Grants Fund No. 335, Department No. 38, Account 38907T;
 - b. Transfer FY19 PSGP grant receipts from the LAFD Grants Fund No. 335, Department No. 38, Account 38907T to the LAFD Special Training Fund 40J, Account 3840JB;
 - c. Transfer funds from LAFD Special Training Fund 40J, Account 3840JB to General Fund 100, Department No. 38, Account 001098 Variable Staffing Overtime for staffing backfill/overtime, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual grant costs incurred from the Advanced Marine Firefighting training courses, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer; and,
3. 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.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) requests authority to expend funds up to the amount of \$261,597.90 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2019 Port Security Grant Program (FY19 PSGP) award, from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support Marine Firefighter emergency response training. The FY19 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant with a performance period from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022.

On July 1, 2020, the Council approved the acceptance of the FY19 PSGP award, with an authority to expend funds in the amount of \$299,425 with a performance period of September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2022. Of the original grant amount of \$299,425, LAFD reports expenditures to date of \$37,827.10, leaving a remaining balance of \$261,597.90. LAFD is requesting authority to expend these remaining funds during the performance period and any extension of the performance period granted by FEMA.

The purpose of the FY19 PSGP grant is to support the National Preparedness Goals, with an objective of having a secure Nation with capabilities required to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats and hazards. The Marine Firefighter training courses and exercises, which will be offered by a contractor, will provide land-based firefighters the necessary skillset to effectively respond to vessel fires and address terrorism-related events at local ports and harbors.

As the FY19 PSGP is a cost-share grant, the FEMA will provide 75 percent of grant funding. Of the remaining balance of funds, the FEMA will provide \$196,198, and the LAFD must provide a match of 25 percent, or \$65,399. The General Fund will front-fund all grant expenses and be fully reimbursed by the LAFD Special Training Fund (Fund 40J). Grant expenses will be offset by the reimbursements received from FEMA. Reimbursements will be made on an ongoing basis and upon submission of proof of actual expenditures.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2019 Port Security Grant Program (FY19 PSGP) award in the amount of \$261,597.90 for Marine Firefighting training and training-related costs. The FY19 PSGP requires a 25 percent match, or \$65,399, from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), which will be absorbed by the LAFD Special Training Fund (Fund 40J). The General Fund will front-fund all grant expenses and be reimbursed in full by Fund 40J. The LAFD will seek reimbursements up to \$196,198 from the Federal government in accordance with the FY19 PSGP.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

These actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized to fund grant activities.