

REPORT FROM

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Fire Commissioners dated February 21, 2023; referred for report February 27, 2023.

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2020 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM – CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS - LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to:
 - a. Authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to expend funds up to the amount of \$303,483 from in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2020 Port Security Grant Program (FY20 PSGP) award, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the performance period of September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2023, and any extension of this performance period granted by FEMA;
 - b. Authorize the Fire Department to deposit FY20 PSGP reimbursement grant funds into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined;
 - c. Authorize the execution of a contract with a vendor to conduct Marine Firefighter Training courses within the grant performance period in an amount not to exceed \$133,400;
2. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Transfer reimbursement grant funds from Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined, to General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 Variable Staffing Overtime for staffing backfill/overtime; Account 006020 for the purchase of equipment and supplies; and General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 003040 Contractual Services , for the execution of the contract for the Marine Training courses, upon submission of proper documentation by LAFD of actual costs incurred from the Advanced Marine Firefighting Training courses, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); 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 \$303,483 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2020 Port Security Grant Program (FY20 PSGP) award, from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support Marine Firefighter emergency response training. The FY20 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant with a performance period from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023.

On June 16, 2021, the Council approved the acceptance of the FY20 PSGP award, with an authority to expend funds in the amount of \$303,483 with a performance period of September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2023. The funding provided by the FY20 PSGP award covers costs related to the backfill of staff on overtime, course tuition, and training-related materials. The full amount of funding is available for use as there was no prior spending in Fiscal Year 2021-22.

The purpose of the FY20 PSGP grant is to support the FEMA's National Preparedness Goals to prepare for threats and hazards that pose a great risk to the security of the United States. Specifically, the PSGP award seeks to strengthen the nation's critical maritime infrastructure against terrorist attacks. The Marine Firefighter training courses and exercises, which will be offered by a contractor, will provide land-based firefighters with the necessary skillset to effectively respond to vessel fires and address terrorism-related events at local ports and harbors.

The FY20 PSGP is a cost-share grant that requires the LAFD to provide a 25-percent match in funding. Of the \$303,483, FEMA will provide \$227,612 and the LAFD will cover the remaining balance of \$75,871. The LAFD will front-fund the total grant-related expenditures up to \$303,483 and will be reimbursed by FEMA up to \$227,612. The LAFD will utilize the Special Training Fund (Fund 40J) to cover expenditures up to \$74,725, and will utilize its Departmental budget to cover expenditures up to \$228,758, which will be provided through the Overtime Variable (\$126,558) and Contractual Services (\$102,200) accounts. 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 2020 Port Security Grant Program (FY20 PSGP) award in the amount of \$303,483 for Marine Firefighting training and training-related costs. The FY20 PSGP requires a 25-percent match, or \$75,871 from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), which will be absorbed by the LAFD Special Training Fund (Fund 40J) and the Department's budget. The LAFD will seek reimbursements up to \$227,612 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the provisions of the FY20 PSGP grant award.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized to fund grant activities.

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