

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to the acceptance of the 2021 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Award for the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to accept the 2021 FEMA Cooperative Agreement Grant for the US&R in the amount of \$1,238,878 for the term of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024, and to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to deposit the 2021 FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund No. 335/38, Account No. to be determined.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer 2021 FEMA grant funds upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD for direct staff costs incurred during the grant performance period:

	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>
From:	335/38	TBD	TBD
To:	100/38	001010	Salaries, General
	100/38	001012	Salaries, Sworn
	100/38	001090	Overtime, General
	100/38	001098	Overtime, Variable Staffing

4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer 2021 FEMA grant funds from Fund No. 335/38 to Fund No. 100/38, Revenue Source Code No. 5346, Reimbursement of Grant Related Costs, for fringe benefits upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD for costs incurred during the grant performance period.
5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$481,527 from Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 001012, Salaries Sworn, to Fund No. 335/38, Account No. to be determined, for the purchase of expense and equipment items, to be reimbursed by the FEMA grant during the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024, and any extensions granted by FEMA.
6. AUTHORIZE the LAFD and the Controller to transfer funds as needed between Fund No. 335/38 and Fund No. 100/38 for implementation of the 2021 FEMA US&R Cooperative Agreement program through the end of the performance period.
7. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to negotiate and execute contracts with the following service providers, each not to exceed \$99,000 for the 2021 FEMA grant performance period: Canine Search Specialist (three contracts), Medical Team Manager (eight contracts), Structural Engineering Specialist (eight contracts).
8. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to negotiate and execute contracts for Pyxis™ medicine automated dispensing, not to exceed \$99,000, for the 2021 FEMA grant performance period.
9. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations included in this report will authorize the LAFD to accept the 2021 FEMA US&R funding in the amount of \$1,238,878 through a

cooperative agreement. The term of the cooperative agreement is effective from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024. The LAFD will front-fund all costs and will be reimbursed by FEMA, upon submission of documentation. Matching funds by the City are not required. Funds will support the personnel and overtime costs for one Fire Captain I, one Management Analyst, and one Storekeeper II; office and equipment expenses; and, agreements for specialized services for the US&R CA-TF1 program. The 2021 FEMA grant budget for personnel will support the direct costs and fringe benefits of the three positions in this report; other indirect costs, including central services and department and administration costs, estimated at \$213,612, are not covered and must be absorbed. Resolution authority for the three positions is included in the 2021-22 Adopted Budget.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that these actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized to fund grant activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

### SUMMARY

At the meeting held on May 4, 2022 your Public Safety Committee considered CAO and Board of Fire Commissioners (BFC) reports relative to the acceptance of the 2021 FEMA Grant Award for the US&R Task Force.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the CAO and BFC reports, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT

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