

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to continuation of grant funds for the Fiscal Year 2021 Port Security Grant Program (FY 21 PSGP).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to:
 - a. Expend funds up to \$475,210 from the LAFD General Fund No. 100/38, in accordance with the FY21 PSGP award, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the performance period of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024, and any extension of this performance period granted by FEMA, in the following accounts:
 - i. Fund/Department No. 100/38 – Account No. 2130 (Travel): \$11,155
 - ii. Fund/Department No. 100/38 – Account No. 6020 (Operating Supplies): \$280,680
 - iii. Fund/Department No. 100/38 – Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services): \$85,960
 - iv. Fund/Department No. 100/38 – Account No. 1098 (Overtime Variable Staffing): \$97,415
 - b. Deposit up to \$356,407 in FY21 PSGP reimbursement grant funds unto Fund No. 335/38, account to be determined.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer reimbursement grant funds up to \$356,407 from Fund No. 335/38, account to be determined, upon submission of proper documentation of actual costs incurred, subject to review and approval of the CAO, to the following accounts:
 - a. Fund/Department No. 100/38 – Account No. 2130 (Travel): \$11,155
 - b. Fund/Department No. 100/38 – Account No. 6020 (Operating Supplies): \$280,680
 - c. Fund/Department No. 100/38 – Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services): \$85,960
 - d. Fund/Department No. 100/38 – Account No. 1098 (Overtime Variable Staffing): \$97,415

3. 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.
4. NOTE and FILE the November 29, 2023 Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the March 7, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will allow for the continued expenditure of the FY21 PSGP award in the amount of \$475,210 for Marine Firefighting training and training-related costs. As the grant recipient, the LAFD will seek reimbursements up to \$356,407 from FEMA in accordance with the provisions of the FY21 PSGP. The FY21 PSGP requires 25 percent in matching funds, or \$118,803, from the LAFD, which will be absorbed within the Department's budget. There is no additional impact to the General Fund resulting from the acceptance of this grant award.

Community Impact 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.

Summary:

On April 9, 2024, your Committee considered November 29, 2023 Board and March 7, 2024 CAO reports relative to continuation of grant funds for the FY 21 PSGP. According to the CAO, the LAFD is request authority to continue the expenditure of funds up to the amount of \$475,210 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2021 Port Security Grant Program (FY19 PSGP) award, from FEMA to support Marine Firefighter emergency response training.

The FY21 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant with a performance period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024. On September 8, 2021, the LAFD received notification of a grant award of funds from the FEMA for Marine Firefighter Training. The purpose of the FY21 PSGP grant is to support FEMA's National Preparedness Goals, with an objective of having a secure national maritime infrastructure with the capabilities required to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats and hazards.

The Marine Firefighter training courses and exercises, offered by the contractor Voith Schneider, will provide land-based firefighters the necessary skillset to effectively respond to vessel fires and address terrorism-related events at local ports and harbors. The LAFD subsequently submitted an amendment request to FEMA for approval to re-appropriate a portion of grant funds originally designated for personnel expenses (Overtime Variable Staffing) to fund contractual services costs. A second amendment was also requested by the Department to re-appropriate additional Overtime Variable Staffing grant funds allocated from grant Investment No. 3 - NFPA 1005 Professional Qualifications Standard for Shipboard Fire Fighting for Land-Based Firefighters training, to an equipment investment, in order to fund the purchase of a marine firefighting prop, to be located at

the Harbor Training Academy on Terminal Island, for inter-agency use in providing regional Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach firefighting training.

As the FY21 PSGP is a cost-share grant, FEMA will provide 75-percent of grant award funding, or \$356,407. The remaining balance of funds totaling \$118,803, will be provided by the LAFD in order to meet the grant program's 25 percent match requirement. The LAFD will front-fund the total grant-related expenditures up to \$475,210 and will be reimbursed by FEMA up to \$356,407. Reimbursements will be made on an ongoing basis and upon submission of proof of actual expenditures. In prior years, the LAFD utilized the Special Training Fund 40J to reimburse the General Fund for grant-related expenditures; however, the use of this fund has been phased out. The LAFD will absorb the remaining \$118,803 through identified General Fund departmental budgetary savings. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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