

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to continuation of grant funds for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 High Frequency Communications Equipment Program grant award.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to:
 - a. Expend up to \$56,290 from LAFD General Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 6020 Operating Supplies, for the high frequency radio equipment in accordance with the FY 2021 High Frequency Communications Equipment Program award from Cal OES, for the amended performance period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024; and, authorize the Chief, LAFD, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to accept the grant on the City's behalf.
 - b. Deposit Fiscal Year 2021 High Frequency Communications Equipment Program reimbursement grant funds into Fund No. 335/38, Account No. 38911W.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Transfer reimbursement grant funds up to \$56,290 from Fund No. 335/38, Account No. 38911W, to LAFD General Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 6020 Operating Supplies, for high frequency radio equipment, upon submission of proper documentation, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).
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.
4. NOTE and FILE the January 16, 2023 Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained within the February 1, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will allow for the continued expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2021 High Frequency Communications Equipment Program grant award in the amount of \$56,290 for high frequency radio communications equipment. The LAFD will front-fund costs in the amount of \$56,290 and seek full reimbursement from the Cal OES. No matching funds are required for this grant.

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 program activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 13, 2024, your Committee considered a February 1, 2024 CAO and January 16, 2024 Board reports relative to continuation of grant funds for the FY 2021 High Frequency Communications Equipment Program grant award. According to the CAO, the LAFD is requesting authority to accept an extension of the performance period of the FY 2021 High Frequency Communications Equipment Program grant award, from the Cal OES. The grant award funds up to \$56,290 for high frequency radio equipment. The amended performance period, as approved by the grantor, is from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024. No matching funds are required for this grant.

On May 31, 2022, the LAFD received notification of an award of funds from the Cal OES for the acquisition of high frequency radio communications equipment. The original performance period for the grant award was from April 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023. Subsequently on November 20, 2023, Cal OES approved an extension of the performance period until March 31, 2024, in order to allow for the continued expenditure of grant funds. The LAFD will utilize the funds to obtain the necessary equipment to manage its amateur radio program under the Auxiliary Communication Services (ACS) Agreement with the State Office of Emergency Services. ASC members are used to facilitate auxiliary communications during brush fires and other disasters through the Emergency Operations Center. The LAFD will be required to front-fund the grant related expenditures. Reimbursements will be made on an ongoing basis and upon submission of proof of actual expenditures. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report and to note and file the Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

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

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