

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to acceptance of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue California Task Force One and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Mobilization Agreement.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to accept the FEMA California Task Force One and the Cal OES Mobilization Exercise Agreement in the amount of \$519,000 for the term of May 23, 2023, or upon approval, through April 30, 2024, with two one-year options to extend, 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 LAFD to deposit the funds received under this Mobilization Exercise Agreement into Fund 335/38, Account to be determined.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer Mobilization Exercise Agreement funds from Fund 335/38, Account to be determined, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD for direct staff costs incurred during the grant performance period.
4. 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, to:
 - a. Fund No. 100/38: 1010, Salaries General Account
 - b. Fund No. 100/38: 1012, Salaries Sworn Account
 - c. Fund No. 100/38: 1090, Overtime General Account
 - d. Fund No. 100/38: 1098, Overtime Variable Staffing Account
5. 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the November 14, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will authorize the LAFD to accept FEMA California Task Force One and Cal OES Mobilization Exercise Agreement in the amount of \$519,000 for the term of May 23, 2023, or upon approval, through April 30, 2024. The LAFD will front-fund all program costs and will be reimbursed by Cal OES upon submission of proper documentation. 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 activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 28, 2023, your Committee considered a November 14, 2023 CAO report relative to acceptance of FEMA Urban Search and Rescue California Task Force One and Cal OES Mobilization Agreement. According to the CAO, on April 4, 1993, the City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with FEMA and the Cal OES, to establish the LAFD as one of 28 participating agencies of the FEMA US&R Task Force. As a participating agency, the LAFD receives funding from FEMA for the equipment, supplies, training, and salaries in support of the US&R CA-TF1 Team.

On June 12, 2023, Agreement # A221009908 was executed between the LAFD and Cal OES to implement a Mobilization Exercise. Under the terms of the Agreement, the LAFD is required to administer a Mobilization Exercise that extends over a three-day period consisting of: mobilization; set up of the staging site; overview of tools; conducting a search and rescue scenario; the breakdown of the site; and rehab of the FEMA US&R cache.

The LAFD is required to develop an Exercise Training Plan, which includes an initial plan provided no later than six-months prior to the execution of the exercise, a mid-term plan no later than three-months prior to the execution of the exercise, and a final plan 30 days prior to the exercise execution date. Upon completion of the exercise, the LAFD will provide an After-Action Report utilizing Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program formatting, no later than 60 days from the exercise completion. The Cal OES will reimburse the LAFD for an amount not to exceed \$519,000 for these services. Any increases in the budgeted amount will be at rates evaluated and approved by Cal OES, as provided in the Agreement. In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6, the LAFD is required to transmit grant applications for Mayor and Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award. 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:	YES

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LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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