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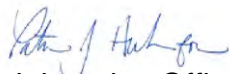
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Council File No. 23-1289

Council District: Various

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Fire Commissioners dated September 17, 2024.

Subject: **CONTINUATION OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE ONE AND THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES MOBILIZATION
AGREEMENT – LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to continue the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Governor's Office of Emergency Services California Task Force One Mobilization Exercise Agreement Grant in the amount of \$519,000 and execute one of the two optional one-year extensions for a new performance period of May 23, 2023 through April 30, 2025.
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to deposit the funds received under this Mobilization Exercise Agreement into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined;
3. Authorize the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer Mobilization Exercise Agreement funds from Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined, to Fund 100, Department 38: 001010, Salaries General Account; 001012, Salaries Sworn Account; 001090, Overtime General Account; and, 001098, Overtime Variable Staffing Account, 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, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) requests the authority to continue the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) California Task Force One (CA-TF 1) Mobilization Exercise Agreement (Agreement) in the amount of \$519,000 and execute one of the two optional one-year extensions for a new performance period of May 23, 2023 through April 30, 2025. Matching funds are not required through this agreement; however, the LAFD is required to front-fund the necessary expenditures. The City will then receive the grant funds on a reimbursement basis, following submission of proper documentation.

BACKGROUND

On April 4, 1993, the City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with FEMA and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, 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 and consist of: mobilization, set up of the staging site, overview of tools, conducting a search and rescue scenario, the break-down of the site, and rehab of the FEMA US&R cache. The LAFD is required to provide an Exercise Training Plan which includes an initial plan that is no later than six-months prior to the execution of exercise, a midterm 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. The Cal OES has approved extending the term through April 30, 2025.

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 14.6, the LAFD is required to transmit grant applications for Mayor and Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award. In addition, Mayoral approval is required for any grant program amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form (LAAC 14.8).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations included in this report will authorize the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to continue \$519,000 in funding that remains unexpended from the grant award provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Governor's Office of Emergency Services California Task Force One Mobilization Exercise Agreement Grant for an extended agreement term of May 23, 2023 through April 20, 2025. The LAFD will front-fund all costs and will

be reimbursed by FEMA upon submission of proper documentation. No matching funds are required for this grant.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

These actions 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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September 17, 2024

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[BFC 24-077] – CONTINUANCE OF FEMA URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CA-TF1/CAL
OES MOBILIZATION AGREEMENT #A221009908

At its meeting of September 17, 2024, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the report and its recommendations. The report is hereby transmitted to the Mayor, City Council, and the City Administrative Officer for consideration and approval

Should you need additional information, please contact the Board of Fire Commissioners' office at 213-978-3838.

Sincerely,

Renee Ramirez
Acting Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment

cc: Fire Chief Kristin M. Crowley (via email)

September 3, 2024

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



KRISTIN M. CROWLEY
FIRE CHIEF

APPROVED: 9/17/2024
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
BY: *[Signature]*
COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

August 5, 2024

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 24-077

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *[Signature]* Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF FEMA URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CA-TF1/CAL OES MOBILIZATION AGREEMENT #A221009908

FINAL ACTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has provided ongoing support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Forces throughout the State of California, through funding of training for Agencies supporting US&R Teams. Cal OES has offered monies for training for the various California FEMA Task Force Teams. At this time Cal OES has extended an opportunity to the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) to exercise our FEMA US&R Task Force. Our FEMA team is sponsored through FEMA, as one of the 28 FEMA US&R Task Forces throughout the country and is identified as California Task Force One (CA-TF1). The participation of CA-TF1 in the National Urban Search & Rescue Response System is established through the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between FEMA, the State of California and the LAFD, dated April 4, 1993 and later amended in 2011 (C.F. 10-2283-S1).

On June 12, 2023, Standard Agreement # A221009908 was executed between the LAFD and Cal OES to implement a Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX). In support of the exercise, Cal OES has forwarded Standard Agreement # A2221009908 in the amount of \$519,000.00 to the LAFD. The funding will reimburse the LAFD for backfill/overtime, consumables, support fees, evaluation, and administration for the MOBEX. An extension of the period of performance was approved extending the period of performance to April 30, 2025.

The Department's FEMA US&R Team is composed of 2 teams of 95 members, for a total of 190 members. This exercise will extend over a three-day period. This exercise will consist of mobilization, set up of the staging site, overview of tools, conducting a

search and rescue scenario, the break-down of the site, and rehab of the FEMA US&R cache.

In addition to the total amount authorized under Standard Agreement for the MOBEX, Cal OES will be responsible for payment under this contract up to \$519,000, pursuant to the reimbursement process established by Cal OES. The City must advance payments, and then obtain reimbursement from Cal OES. In exercising the two dedicated CA-TF1 teams, any potential overage in cost may be attributed to the training portion of the 2022 FEMA US&R Readiness Cooperative Agreement (C.F. 22-1423).

As of June 30, 2024, \$519,000.00 remained available for spending in FY 2024-2025 to execute the exercise.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact on the General Fund in FY24/25. The LAFD will cover the expenditures up to \$519,000.00 through the LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020 (Operating Supplies), Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn), Account 001010 (Salaries General), Account 001098 (Variable Staffing), and Account 001090 (Overtime General). Cal OES will reimburse the LAFD a total up to \$519,000.00 (100%).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve and transmit the report to the Mayor and the Office of the City Administrative Officer for Committee and City Council consideration.

It is also recommended the Board request that the Mayor and City Council:

2. Accept the Standard Agreement in the amount of \$519,000.00 for the performance period of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2025 as granted by Cal OES, and authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the agreement on the City's behalf.
3. Authorize the Fire Department to deposit the Standard Agreement funds received into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined.
4. Authorize the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer the Standard Agreement funds from Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined, to various Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020 (Operating Supplies), Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn), Account 001010 (Salaries General), Account 001090 (Overtime General), and Account 001098 (Variable Staffing), upon submission of proper documentation by the Fire Department of direct staff costs incurred during the grant performance period.

5. Authorize the Fire Department to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

Board report prepared by Victoria Rodriguez, Management Analyst, Emergency Operations Bureau.