

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to supplemental funding for the 2022 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Cooperative Agreement Grant award for the Urban Search and Rescue California Task Force One- Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

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

1. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAFD, or designee, to accept supplemental funding in the amount of \$158,477 for a term from October 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025 relative to the 2022 FEMA Cooperative Agreement Grant for the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force- California Task Force One (CA-TF1), and 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 2022 FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund No. 335/38, Account No. 38022R.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$158,477 from Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 1012 Salaries Sworn to Fund No. 335/38, Account No. 38022R, for the purchase of expense and equipment items, to be reimbursed by the FEMA grant during the grant performance period and any extensions granted by FEMA.
4. AUTHORIZE the LAFD and Controller to transfer funds, as needed, between Fund No. 335/38 and No. Fund 100/38, based on the submissions to the City Administrative Officer (CAO) of grant budget modifications approved by FEMA, through the end of the grant performance period of August 31, 2025.
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 15, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will authorize the LAFD to accept supplemental funding in the amount of \$158,477 for the purchase of equipment in support of the 2022 FEMA Cooperative Agreement Grant for the US&R Task Force- CA-TF1 for a total grant award amount of \$1,370,127. The term of the cooperative agreement will remain unchanged from October 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025. The LAFD will front-fund the costs for the purchase of the equipment, subject to reimbursement by FEMA upon submission of proper documentation. The FEMA grant does not require matching funds by the City. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

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 the extent possible, to fund the grant program activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 28, 2023, your Committee considered a November 15, 2023 CAO report relative to supplemental funding for the 2022 FEMA Cooperative Agreement Grant award for the Urban Search and Rescue California Task Force One- LAFD. According to the CAO, 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 (Council File No. 92-2021-S1). Under the terms of the MOA, the LAFD is responsible for organizing and administering the Task Force to include recruiting and training, designating a Program Manager, maintaining capability for 24-hour activation, and complying with financial, administrative, reimbursement, and reporting requirements.

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. Upon request by the State or Federal government, the LAFD will mobilize US&R CA-TF1 for the purpose of locating, extricating, and providing initial medical treatment to trapped victims of structural collapses at a designated disaster site. On August 12, 2011, Council approved an amendment to the MOA (Council File No. 10-2283-S1) reflecting the transfer of FEMA to the Department of Homeland Security and the publication of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System regulations.

On February 10, 2023, Council approved the Public Safety Committee report and Cooperative Agreement for the acceptance of the 2022 FEMA US&R grant award in the amount of \$1,211,650, for a three-year performance period beginning on October 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025 (Council File No. 22-1423). On November 8, 2023, the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) approved an LAFD report relative to the acceptance of additional grant funds from the FEMA in the amount of \$158,477 for the purpose of developing a comprehensive plan to prioritize and finance the replacement of equipment for the US&R Task Forces. Specific equipment eligible for replacement will be detailed in a forthcoming Program Directive from the FEMA Branch Office. Among the recommendations in the Board report, the LAFD is requesting to transfer funds from the Department's Salaries Sworn Account to the 2022 FEMA Account to front-fund the cost of purchasing equipment, which will be reimbursed by the grant award following submission of proper documentation. 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
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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