

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2021 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant award for the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 – Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, LAFD, or designee, to accept supplemental funding in the amount of \$181,350 for a term from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024 relative to the 2021 FEMA Cooperative Agreement Grant for the US&R Task Force - California Task Force 1 (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 2021 FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund No. 335/38, Account No. 38021R.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$181,350 from Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 001012, Salaries Sworn, to Fund No. 335/38, Account No. 38021R, 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 Fund No. 100/38, based on the submissions to the CAO of grant budget modifications approved by FEMA, through the end of the grant performance period of August 31, 2024.
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.
6. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, LAFD, or designee, to deposit the FEMA US&R grant funds received under this Cooperative Agreement into Fund No. 335/38, Account No. 38021R.
7. AUTHORIZE the Controller, to transfer 2021 FEMA US&R grant funds from Fund No. 335, Account No. 38021R, to various Fund No. 100/38 salary accounts as follows: 001012, Salaries Sworn Account; 001010, Salaries General 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.
8. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer 2021 FEMA US&R grant funds from Fund No. 335, Account No. 38021R to Fund No. 100/38, Revenue Source No. 5346, Reimbursement of Grant Related Costs, for fringe benefits upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD during the grant performance period.
9. 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations stated will authorize the LAFD to accept supplemental funding in the amount of \$181,350 for the purchase of equipment in support of the 2021 FEMA US&R Task Force, CA-TF1 for a total grant award amount of \$1,420,228. The term of the cooperative agreement will remain unchanged from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024. 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. Additionally, approval of the recommendations stated will authorize the LAFD to continue \$852,569 in funding that remains unexpended from the grant award total

of \$1,238,878 provided by the 2021 FEMA US&R Task Force Grant Award for the grant performance period beginning September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024. The LAFD will front-fund the costs to cover salaries, personnel training, contractual services, travel, supplies and equipment, subject to reimbursement by FEMA upon submission of proper documentation. The 2021 FEMA grant budget for personnel will support the direct salary and fringe benefits costs of the three positions in this report; other indirect costs, including central services and department and administration costs, estimated at \$213,612, are not covered and must be absorbed within budgeted funds. No matching funds are required. 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 fund grant activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on December 7, 2022, your Public Safety Committee considered CAO reports relative to the 2021 FEMA grant award for the US&R Task Force in FY 2022-23 – LAFD.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the CAO reports, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,


PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT

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