

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to accepting the 2022 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant award for the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force – 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 the 2022 FEMA Cooperative Agreement Grant for the US&R Task Force in the amount of \$1,211,650 for the term of October 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025, 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 2022 FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund No. 335/38, Account to be determined.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer 2022 FEMA grant funds from Fund No. 335/38, Account to be determined, to Fund No. 100/38: No. 001010, Salaries General Account; No. 001012, Salaries Sworn Account; No. 001090, Overtime General Account; and, No. 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 Controller to transfer 2022 FEMA grant funds from Fund No. 335/38 to Fund No. 100/38, Revenue Source Code No. 5346, Reimbursement of Grant Related Costs, for fringe benefits upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD for costs incurred during the grant performance period.
5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$440,340 from Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 001012, Salaries Sworn, to Fund No. 335/38, Account to be determined, for the purchase of expense and equipment items, to be reimbursed by the FEMA grant during the period of October 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025, and any extensions granted by FEMA.
6. AUTHORIZE the LAFD and the Controller to transfer funds as needed between Fund No. 335/38 and Fund No. 100/38 for implementation of the 2022 FEMA US&R Cooperative Agreement program through the end of the performance period.
7. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, LAFD, or designee, to negotiate and execute contracts with the following service providers, each not to exceed \$99,000 for the 2022 FEMA grant performance period:
 - a. Canine Search Specialist (three contracts)
 - b. Medical Team Manager (eight contracts)
 - c. Structural Engineering Specialist (eight contracts)
 - d. Task Force Leader (five contracts)
 - e. Safety Officer (two contracts)
 - f. Rescue Manager (two contracts)
 - g. Hazardous Material Manager (two contracts)
 - h. Plans Manager (two contracts)

8. 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 included in this report will authorize the LAFD to accept the FEMA US&R Cooperative Agreement Grant funding in the amount of \$1,211,650 effective from October 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025. The LAFD will front-fund all costs and will be reimbursed by FEMA upon submission of proper documentation. Matching funds by the City are not required. Funds will support the personnel and overtime costs for three positions: one Fire Captain I, one Management Analyst, and one Storekeeper II; office and equipment expenses; and, agreements for specialized services for the US&R CA-TF1 program. The 2022 FEMA grant budget for personnel will support the direct costs and fringe benefits 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. Resolution authority for the three positions is included in the 2022-23 Adopted Budget.

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

At the meeting held on January 24, 2022, your Public Safety Committee considered a CAO report relative to accepting the 2022 FEMA grant award for the US&RT Task Force – LAFD.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the CAO report, 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
MCOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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