

PUBLIC SAFETY AND BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEES' REPORT and COMMUNICATION FROM PERSONNEL, AUDITS AND HIRING COMMITTEE relative to Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 22) Staffing for Adequate Fire Emergency Response (SAFER) grant award.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to:
 - a. Accept the FY22 SAFER grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for \$7,752,582.48, for a three-year performance period beginning March 13, 2024 through March 12, 2027, to staff an Engine Company at Panorama City Fire Station No. 7.
 - b. Execute any documents necessary to accept the FY22 SAFER grant or submit for reimbursements in accordance with the grant guidelines and deposit grant funds received into LAFD Grants Fund No. 335/38.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to:
 - a. Spend up to the FY22 SAFER Grant total project cost of \$7,752,582 in accordance with the grant award agreement.
 - b. Submit grant reimbursement requests to FEMA and deposit grant funds received into LAFD Grants Fund No. 335/38.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate up to \$7,752,582 to an appropriation account, number to be determined, in Fund No. 335/38 for the receipt and disbursement of the FY22 SAFER grant funds.
 - b. Transfer appropriations as needed from Fund No. 335/38, account number to be determined, to various LAFD Fund No. 100/38 sworn salary, overtime, or bonus accounts upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), of direct costs incurred during the grant performance period.
 - c. Transfer FY22 SAFER 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 and related costs upon submission of proper documentation by LAFD, subject to CAO approval, of related costs incurred during the grant performance period.
4. AUTHORIZE resolution authority for six Firefighter III positions (Class Code No. 2112-3), three Fire Captain I positions (Class Code No. 2142-1), and three Engineer of Fire Department (Class Code No. 2131-0), for the period beginning October 20, 2024 through June 30, 2025, upon allocation by the Civil Service Commission.
5. INSTRUCT the LAFD to report to the Council for approval of any plans to modify the FY22 SAFER Grant Program to add resources or change the deployment of SAFER-funded position authorities.
6. AUTHORIZE the LAFD and the Controller, based on LAFD submissions to the CAO of grant budget modifications approved by FEMA, to transfer funds, as needed, between Fund No. 335/38 and Fund No. 100/38 for implementation of the FY22 SAFER Grant.

7. 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 above recommendations will authorize the LAFD to accept the FY22 SAFER Grant award of up to \$7,752,583 from FEMA, for a three-year term beginning March 13, 2024 through March 12, 2027. Acceptance of this award will not require the City to commit a cost match; however, the City is obligated to continue funding the associated bonuses and overtime costs of the 12 Firefighters whose salaries and benefits will be funded by the grant. Funding and resources to add one Engine Company to Fire Station No. 7 in Panorama City will require an additional \$4,793,128, for a total three-year cost of \$14,612,618. The total General Fund impact over the three-year term is \$6,860,035, which includes salaries, benefits, constant staffing overtime, and bonus pay costs for 12 sworn positions. Currently, LAFD is projecting a shortfall in its Salaries Sworn Account, and will require an additional General Fund appropriation to fully fund the new Engine Company. Funding requirements beyond 2024-25 will be subject to the annual budget process.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports the recommendations in the report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that funding is identified for the approved programmatic activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on September 24, 2024, your Public Safety Committee considered CAO and Board of Fire Commissioners (BFC) reports relative to FY22 SAFER grant award.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations contained in the CAO and BFC reports, as detailed above.

Subsequently, on October 1, 2024, the Personnel, Audits and Hiring Committee also considered this matter and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Personnel, Audits and Hiring Committee concurred with the recommendations made previously by the Public Safety Committee and moved to approve the recommendations contained in the CAO and BFC reports. But due to the lack of quorum, the item was moved forward as a Communication from the Chair of the Personnel, Audits and Hiring Committee.

Subsequently, on October 9, 2024, the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee also considered this matter and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee concurred with the recommendations made previously by the Public Safety Committee.

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
PARK	YES
PRICE	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

PERSONNEL, AUDITS AND HIRING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
McOSKER:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
PRICE:	ABSENT

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
PARK:	YES

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