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Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall
Attn: Legislative Coordinator

Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Los Angeles
City Hall, Room 395
Attn: City Clerk

[BFC 23-119] – CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FY 2021 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) - AWARD #EMW-2021-PU-00562

At its meeting of November 21, 2023, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the report and its recommendations. The report is hereby transmitted to the Mayor for consideration and approval.

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

Sincerely,

Leticia Gómez
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachments

cc: Fire Chief Kristin Crowley (via email)
Office of the Administrative Officer

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



KRISTIN M. CROWLEY
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APPROVED: 11/21/23
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COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

October 30, 2023

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 23-119

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *KC* Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FY 2021 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) – AWARD # EMW-2021-PU-00562

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| 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 Withdrawn |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

On September 8, 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) of an award of funds from the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) for Marine Firefighter Training. The FY 2021 PSGP will provide a total of \$475,210 in funding for the backfill and overtime, course tuition, travel, and training-related consumables and equipment. The FY 2021 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant. The Federal share of the grant is 75% (\$356,407), with a 25% (\$118,803) cost match provided by the LAFD. The performance period for the FY 2021 PSGP is September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024. The purpose of the PSGP funding is to strengthen the nation's critical maritime infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

A portion of this grant will fund travel, tuition, and Backfill and Overtime for Voith Schneider Shiphandling Course. The LAFD submitted an amendment request to FEMA to re-appropriate a portion of the personnel expenses for this course to cover the contractual costs. This amendment request was approved. Authority has been requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to conduct the training courses and pay for the tuition associated with the courses. Course dates have been scheduled.

Another portion of the original FY21 PSGP award was for the personnel and supply expenses for the LAFD to teach the 1005 Shipboard Firefighting Course. However, the Department is still developing this course. The LAFD submitted an amendment request to FEMA to re-appropriate funds allocated for the 1005 Shipboard Firefighting personnel and supplies to purchase a Marine prop and FEMA approved this request. This approved amendment re-appropriate funds from 1005 Shipboard Firefighting Personnel and Supplies to Equipment to fund the purchase of a marine firefighting prop. This

marine firefighting prop will be placed at the Harbor Training Academy on Terminal Island and be used for regional shipboard firefighting training with our port partners. The re-appropriation of grant funding for this project will provide the first shipboard prop of its kind in the area and greatly benefit the various agencies that would respond to a shipboard fire incident. The collaboration between agencies that training on the prop would provide would greatly benefit the Port of LALB.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Forward to the Mayor and the Office of the City Administrative Officer for approval to continue to expend FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program funding for Maritime Training to fund staffing (backfill/overtime), course tuition, travel, and equipment; and Request that the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council:
2. Authorize the Fire Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to:
 - a. Authorize the Department to expend funds up to \$11,155 from LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 2130 for travel; \$85,960 from LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 3040 for Tuition; \$97,415 from General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 Variable Staffing Overtime for staffing backfill/overtime; and \$280,680 from LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020 Equipment in accordance with the FY 2021 PSGP award from FEMA, for the performance period of September 1, 2021, through to August 31, 2024, and any extension of the performance period granted by FEMA; and authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to accept the grant on the City's behalf.
 - b. Deposit FY2021 PSGP up to \$356,407 in reimbursement grant funds into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Transfer reimbursement grant funds up to \$356,407 from Fund 335, Department 38, Account TBD to LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 002130 for Travel up to \$11,155; General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 3040 for Tuition up to \$85,960; General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020 for Equipment up to \$280,680; and remaining amount in General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 upon submission of proper documentation by LAFD of actual costs incurred from the Voith Schneider Shiphandling training and Marine Prop, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and,
 - b. 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 instruction.

FISCAL IMPACT

The LAFD will fund the grant-related expenditures of up to \$475,210 associated with the FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program. FEMA will reimburse LAFD the required cost share of up to \$356,407 (75%), with the remaining LAFD cost share amount of up to \$118,803 (25%) to be absorbed by the LAFD General Fund.

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