

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2020 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Cooperative Agreement Grant.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, or designee, to accept the 2020 FEMA Cooperative Agreement Grant for the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) in the amount of \$1,180,631 for the term of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023, 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 Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to deposit the 2020 FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund 335/38, Account to be determined.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer 2020 FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38, Account to be determined, to Fund 100/38: 001010, Salaries General Account; 001012, Salaries Sworn 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.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer 2020 FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38 to Fund 100/38, Revenue Source Code 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 \$471,107 from Fund 100/38, Account 001012, Salaries Sworn, to Fund 335/38, Account to be determined, for the purchase of equipment items, to be reimbursed by the FEMA grant during the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023, and any extensions granted by FEMA.
6. AUTHORIZE the LAFD and the Controller to transfer funds as needed between Fund 335/38 and Fund 100/38 for implementation of the 2020 FEMA US&R Cooperative Agreement program through the end of the performance period.
7. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief to negotiate and execute contracts with the following service providers, each not to exceed \$99,000 for the 2020 FEMA grant performance period: Canine Search Specialist (three contracts), Medical Team Manager (eight contracts), Structural Engineering Specialist (eight contracts).
8. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief to negotiate and execute contracts for Pyxis™ medicine automated dispensing, not to exceed \$99,000, for the 2020 FEMA grant performance period.
9. INSTRUCT the LAFD to modify the grant budget and funding allocations, in accordance with 2020 FEMA grant guidelines and Council approval procedures, as necessary, to

reflect the appropriate source of funding to support the existing City employee Pharmacist position and for overtime as it relates to LAFD employee time spent on equipment and inventory maintenance.

10. INSTRUCT the LAFD to reprogram available grant funding within the 2020 FEMA grant budget to support unbudgeted indirect costs, in accordance with 2020 FEMA grant guidelines and Council approval procedures, as necessary, and request and submit for full indirect cost funding in future FEMA US&R grants.
11. 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 2020 FEMA Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) funding in the amount of \$1,180,631 through a cooperative agreement. The term of the cooperative agreement is effective from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023. The LAFD will front-fund all costs and will be reimbursed by FEMA, upon submission of documentation. Matching funds by the City are not required. Funds will support the personnel and overtime costs for 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 2020 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 \$203,094, are not covered and must be absorbed. Resolution authority for the three positions is included in the 2020-21 City Budget.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on April 7, 2021, your Public Safety Committee considered CAO and Board of Fire Commissioners reports relative to acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2020 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Cooperative Agreement Grant. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the CAO's recommendations, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| RODRIGUEZ: | YES |
| O'FARRELL: | YES |
| BUSCAINO: | YES |
| DE LEON: | YES |
| HARRIS-DAWSON: | YES |

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