

REPORT FROM

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Council District: --

To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Fire Commissioners dated October 5, 2021

Subject: **CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020
ASSISTANCE FOR FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM – COVID-19
SUPPLEMENTAL – LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to expend funds up to the amount of \$282,045.10 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental (FY20 AFG-S) award, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the performance period of July 20, 2020 to July 19, 2022;
2. Authorize the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to deposit the FY20 AFG-S grant receipts into the LAFD Grants Fund No. 335, Department No. 38, Account 38905T;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Transfer FY20 AFG-S grant receipts up to \$245,256.61 from the LAFD Grants Fund No. 335, Department No. 38, Account 38905T to the LAFD Fund 100, Department No. 38, Account 006020 upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD for expenses incurred during the grant performance period;
 - b. Transfer \$36,788.49 from the LAFD Fund 100, Department No. 38, Account 001012, to Fund 100, Department No. 38, Account 006020 to support the City's match requirement for the grant; and,
4. Authorize the LAFD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) requests authority to expend funds up to the amount of \$282,045.10 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental (FY20 AFG-S) award, from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The purpose of this grant is to procure personal protective equipment (PPE) including eye protection, isolation gowns, coveralls, gloves, respirators, and face masks for firefighting personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic. The FY20 AFG-S is a cost-share reimbursement grant with an extended performance period from July 20, 2020 through July 19, 2022.

On December 15, 2020, the Council approved the acceptance of the FY20 AFG-S award, with an authority to expend funds in the amount of \$998,880.44 with a performance period of July 20, 2020 to July 19, 2021. Of the original grant amount, LAFD reports expenditures of \$716,835.34 in 2020-21, leaving a remaining balance of \$282,045.10 to be spent in 2021-22. LAFD received an extension of the performance period until July 19, 2022 and is requesting authority to expend these remaining funds during the extended performance period.

As the FY20 AFG-S is a cost-share grant, the FEMA will provide funding on a reimbursement basis. Of the remaining balance of funds, the FEMA will provide \$245,256.61, and the LAFD must provide a match of \$36,788.49, which will be absorbed within existing funds. Grant expenses will be offset by the reimbursements received from FEMA. Reimbursements will be made on an ongoing basis and upon submission of proof of actual expenditures.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID-19 Supplemental (FY20 AFG-S) award in the amount of \$282,045.10 to procure personal protective equipment (PPE). The FY20 AFG-S requires a match of \$36,788.49 from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), which will be absorbed by existing funds in the Department's budget. The LAFD will seek reimbursements up to \$245,256.61 from the Federal government in accordance with the FY20 AFG-S.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

These actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized to fund grant activities.