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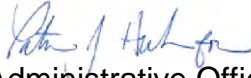
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Council District: 15

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Fire Commissioners dated March 22, 2023

Subject: **FISCAL YEAR 2022 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM - GRANT AWARD ACCEPTANCE – LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to:
  - a. Accept funds up to the amount of \$223,663 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2022 Port Security Grant Program (FY22 PSGP) award, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the performance period of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2025, and any extension of this performance period granted by FEMA;
  - b. Expend funds up to \$223,663 from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) General Fund No. 100, Department No. 38, Account 6020 Operating Supplies for the purchasing of equipment, in accordance with the FY22 PSGP award, for the performance period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2025, and any extension of this performance period granted by FEMA;
  - c. Deposit up to \$167,747 in FY22 PSGP reimbursement grant funds into Fund 335, Department 38, account to be determined;
2. Authorize the Controller to:
  - a. Transfer reimbursement grant funds up to \$167,747 from Fund 335, Department 38, account to be determined, to LAFD General Fund No. 100, Department No. 38, Account 6020 Operating Supplies for the purchase of equipment, upon submission of proper documentation of actual costs incurred, subject to review and approval of the City Administrative Officer; and
3. 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 accept funds up to the amount of \$223,663 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2022 Port Security Grant Program (FY22 PSGP) award, from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The FY22 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant with a performance period from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025.

On September 1, 2022, the LAFD received notification of a grant award from FEMA for the purchase underwater navigation equipment. The purpose of the FY22 PSGP grant is to support FEMA's National Preparedness Goals, with an objective of having a secure national maritime infrastructure with the capabilities required to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats and hazards. As such, the grant award will fund the purchase a Dive Simulator and an ArtemisPRO handheld sonar device for use in the maritime environment.

As the FY22 PSGP is a cost-share grant, FEMA will provide 75-percent of grant award funding, or \$167,747. The remaining balance of funds totaling \$55,916, will be provided by the LAFD in order to meet the grant program's 25-percent match requirement. The LAFD will front-fund the total grant-related expenditures up to \$223,663 and will be reimbursed by FEMA up to \$167,747. Reimbursements will be made on an ongoing basis and upon submission of proof of actual expenditures. In prior years, the LAFD utilized the Special Training Fund 40J to reimburse the General Fund for grant-related expenditures; however, the use of this fund has been phased out. The LAFD will absorb the remaining \$55,916 through identified General Fund departmental budgetary savings.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2022 Port Security Grant Program (FY22 PSGP) award in the amount of \$223,663 for the purchase of a Dive Simulator and a Sonar Device. As the grant recipient, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) will seek reimbursements up to \$167,747 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the provisions of the FY22 PSGP. The FY22 PSGP requires 25-percent in matching funds, or \$55,916, from the LAFD, which will be absorbed within the Department's budget. There is no additional impact to the General Fund resulting from the acceptance of this grant award.

## **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.