

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) grant award for use by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to accept the grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the USAR Task Force and execute a no-match cooperative agreement in the amount of \$1,251,154 for the term October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. TRANSFER up to \$200,000 from Fund 100/38, Account 1012 to Fund 335/38 (Fire Department Grants), account to be determined, to support the purchase of necessary expense and equipment items that will be reimbursed by the FEMA grant for the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015.
3. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to deposit the FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund 335/38, account to be determined.
4. TRANSFER FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38 to Fund 100/38, Account 4681 for fringe benefits upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual costs incurred through March 31, 2015.
5. TRANSFER FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38 to various salary accounts within Fund 100/38, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual costs incurred from the continued development and maintenance of USAR Response System resources through March 31, 2015, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).
6. TRANSFER the uncommitted balance of advanced funds as of June 1, 2014 from Fund 335/38, Appropriation Account to be determined, to Fund 100/ 38, Account 1012 Sworn Salaries, to meet payroll needs.
7. RESOLVE that the following three positions in the LAFD will remain APPROVED and AUTHORIZED for the period October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015:

No. Code    Class Title

2    2142-1 Fire Captain I

1    9184-2 Management Analyst II

8. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to negotiate and execute:
  - a. Nine sole source, personal services contracts, each with a sum not to exceed \$99,000 during the period of this Grant, for specialized services required by FEMA, as follows: canine search specialist (two contracts), medical team managers (four contracts) and structural engineering specialist (three contracts).
  - b. A sole source contract with Providence Health System - Southern California, DBA Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, not to exceed \$99,000, during the period of this grant, for medical cache maintenance, as required by FEMA.

c. A sole source contract with UCLA Medical Center, not to exceed \$99,000, during the period of this grant, to purchase snake anti-venom upon deployment, as required by FEMA.

9. INSTRUCT the LAFD to authorize payments for the contracts delineated above for a total amount not to exceed \$352,140, unless a FEMA authorized deployment occurs.

10. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to prepare Controller's instructions for any technical adjustments consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. The acceptance and use of the FEMA grant funds is consistent with City financial policies in that Federal grant funds will be used to fund one-time program expenses and to fully fund three resolution authority positions to support the continued development and maintenance of the USAR Task Force.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

In a report to the Public Safety Committee dated January 9, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the LAFD requests authority to accept FEMA grant funds totaling \$1,251,154 to continue the development and maintenance of USAR Response System resources. The CAO states that grant funds will be used to purchase equipment, uniforms, supplies, and training. LAFD also requests continued resolution authority for three positions, and authority to execute various sole source contracts with program service providers. According to the CAO, since 1993, the LAFD has been a sponsoring agency for one of 28 FEMA USAR Task Forces nationwide. On December 3, 2013, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved LAFD's requests to accept the grant, execute the contracts, and continue resolution authority for three positions. The CAO concurs with this action.

At its meeting held January 24, 2014, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the LAFD's requests and the related actions above, as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners and the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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