

COMMUNICATION FROM VICE-CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to a 2013 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force Cooperative Agreement transfer of unspent grant funds.

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

1. TRANSFER \$283,655 from Fund 100/38, Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn) to Fund 335/38, Account 38013R, to support the necessary expense and purchase of equipment items that will be reimbursed by the FEMA USAR grant.
2. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to deposit the FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund 335/38, Account 38013R (Fire Department Grants) and appropriate back to Fund 100/38, Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn) as reimbursements are received.
3. TRANSFER FEMA grant funds up to \$368,553, from Fund 335/38, Account 38013R to Fund 100/38, Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn), Account 001010 (Salaries General), and Account 001098 (Variable Staffing) based on the LAFD submissions to the City Administrative Officer documenting actual costs incurred for this FEMA USAR no-match Cooperative Agreement Program through March 31, 2015.
4. TRANSFER FEMA grant funds up to \$15,000 from Fund 335/38, Account 38013R to Fund 100/38, Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn) as reimbursement for travel expenses advanced by the General Fund, based on submission by the LAFD of actual costs incurred for personnel travel under this FEMA USAR no match Cooperative Agreement Program through March 31, 2015.
5. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAFD, or designee, to deposit FEMA grant funds received under this grant (estimated at \$50,185) into Fund 100/38, Account 005346 for fringe benefits 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.
6. TRANSFER the uncommitted balance of advanced funds as of June 1, 2015, from Fund 335/38, Account 38013R to Fund 100/38, Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn) to meet payroll needs.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAFD reports that this action does not impact the General Fund. The LAFD needs to transfer the aforementioned funds to support the expense and equipment purchases, salary, fringe benefit, travel, program administration, and training costs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Fire Commissioners dated September 26, 2014 (attached to the Council file), LAFD requests authority to transfer unspent 2013 FEMA USAR grant funds to complete program objectives. As of June 30, 2014, a balance of \$717,393 remained unspent.

LAFD states that these funds can be made available for salaries, personnel training, contractual services, travel, supplies and purchase of necessary equipment for the program operations. The performance period for this grant spans over two fiscal years; therefore, a fund transfer is necessary to complete program goals. On October 7, 2014, the Board approved LAFD's request.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held November 14, 2014, the Committee Vice-Chair and Member recommended that Council approve LAFD's request to re-appropriate the unspent FEMA USAR grant funds, as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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