

REPORT FROM

## OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer

Reference: Mayor Transmittal dated April 3, 2020; supplemental information received April 9, 2020

Subject: **2019 PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS) RESILIENCY ALLOCATION TO CITIES PROGRAM GRANT**

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Emergency Management Department (EMD) to:
  - a. Retroactively apply for and accept the grant award in the amount of \$500,000 from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program for the period of July 1, 2019 through October 31, 2022;
  - b. Negotiate and execute the grant agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
  - c. Release Requests for Proposal, evaluate proposals, negotiate and execute up to four contracts for the purchase of approved equipment and planning items as detailed in the 2019 PSPS Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program grant budget, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form;
  - d. Spend up to the total grant amount of \$500,000 and disperse funds in accordance with the grant award agreement;
  - e. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments as necessary to transactions included in this report to implement Mayor and Council intentions, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions; and,

2. Authorize the Controller to:

- a. Establish a grant receivable and appropriate \$500,000 in the Emergency Operations Fund 392, Emergency Operations Board Department No. 34, Revenue Source Code No. 3361, State Grants – Other, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2019 PSPS Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program grant funds;
- b. Increase appropriations in the amount of \$500,000 in the Emergency Operations Fund 392, Emergency Operations Board Department No. 34, Account No. 343040, Contractual Services from revenue received within the Emergency Operations Fund 392, Department 34, Revenue Source Code No. 3361, State Grants – Other;
- c. Transfer cash from the Emergency Operations Fund 392, Emergency Operations Board Department No. 34, Account No. 343040, Contractual Services, on an as-needed basis, to the Department of General Services (GSD) No. 40, Fund and Account No. to be determine to allow GSD to begin implementation of projects in accordance with the 2019 PSPS Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program;
- d. Transfer \$362,701 from the Emergency Operations Fund 392, Emergency Operations Board Department No. 34, Account No. 343040, Contractual Services to the Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) Fund 298 for reimbursement (C.F. 19-0926-S3).

**SUMMARY**

The Emergency Management Department (EMD) requests approval to retroactively apply for and accept an award of \$500,000 for the 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for the grant term of July 1, 2019 through October 31, 2022.

The objective of the PSPS Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program is to provide financial assistance for California incorporated cities that prepare for electric power disruptions associated with Public Safety Power Shutoff events. This includes the procurement of fixed, long-term emergency electrical generation equipment; continuity plans; risk assessments for critical infrastructure; post event reports; and, public education materials or supplies. The grant will provide \$500,000 for approved projects, which will be coordinated by the EMD and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) as appropriated below:

Department	Project	Allocation
EMD	Electrical Power Transfer Switch at the Alternate Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	\$ 243,622
EMD	Seismic Stability of the EOC and Generator Quick Connect	75,000
RAP	Electric Vehicle Recharging Station	166,000
RAP	Cooling Centers Backup Generators	15,378
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 500,000</b>

Acceptance of this grant will allow the EMD and the RAP to prepare for future power outages within the City of Los Angeles (City). Currently, the only backup power system at the City's Alternate EOC emergency facility located at the Los Angeles Police Department Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, is a task lighting system that guides building occupants out of the building. The PSPS Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program will provide a transfer switch at the Alternate EOC for generators to be connected to the building and power all functions of the building during a power outage. In the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Adopted Budget Capital Improvement Expenditure Program (CIEP), the EMD was provided \$396,437 to install a power transfer switch at the Alternate EOC. A quote from the General Services Department estimated the project cost to be approximately \$362,701. On April 22, 2020, Council adopted the 2019-20 Fourth Construction Projects Report (C.F. 19-0926-S3) that includes the appropriation of \$362,701 in the Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) monies for this project and to authorize the Controller to reimburse MICLA upon Council acceptance and receipt of the Cal OES PSPS Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program grant (Recommendation No. 16). MICLA monies will front-fund this project, and the acceptance of this grant will provide reimbursement to MICLA.

The PSPS Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program will also provide a contractor to evaluate the EOC facility to increase the seismic stability of the EOC's two backup generators and to determine the requirements needed to install a generator quick connect; the procurement of one portable Electric Vehicle Recharging Station for use with electric vehicles, in addition to medical and communication devices; and, the installation of backup generators at up to six RAP San Fernando Valley area facilities that serve as cooling centers.

The recommendations and Controller instructions in this report differ from the recommendations provided in the EMD report dated April 3, 2020 in order to correctly implement the grant award terms and fund transactions. The EMD concurs with the revised recommendations and instructions incorporated in this report.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the recommendations within this report will provide \$500,000 in funding to the Emergency Management Department for the 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program. There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these recommendations.

## **FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT**

The recommendations provided in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time grant funding will be utilized for one-time program expenditures.