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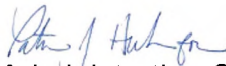
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To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Fire Commissioners dated October 18, 2022; referred for report October 19, 2022

Subject: **CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 – LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to:
 - a. Expend remaining funds up to the amount of \$105,251.03 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2019 Port Security Grant Program (FY19 PSGP) award, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the performance period of September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2023, and any extension of this performance period granted by FEMA;
 - b. Execute a contract with a vendor to conduct Marine Firefighter Training courses within the grant performance period in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.
2. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Deposit reimbursement grant funds into Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Fund No. 335, Department No. 38, Account 38907T;
 - b. Transfer reimbursement funds from Fund 335, Department 38, Account 38907T, to General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 1090 Variable Staffing Overtime for staffing backfill/overtime; and Account 3040 Contractual Services for course tuition, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual grant costs incurred from the Advanced Marine Firefighting training courses, subject to the 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 Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) requests authority to expend the remaining funds up to the amount of \$105,251.03 provided by the Fiscal Year 2019 Port Security Grant Program (FY19 PSGP) award, from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during the new performance period from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2023 to support Marine Firefighter emergency response training.

On July 1, 2020, the Council approved the acceptance of the FY19 PSGP award, with an authority to expend funds in the amount of \$299,425 with a performance period of September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2022. The funding provided by the FY19 PSGP award covers costs related to the backfill of staff on overtime, course tuition, and training related materials.

The purpose of the FY19 PSGP grant is to support the FEMA's National Preparedness Goals to prepare for threats and hazards that pose a great risk to the security of the United States. Specifically, the PSGP award seeks to strengthen the nation's critical maritime infrastructure against terrorist attacks. The Marine Firefighter training courses and exercises, which will be offered by a contractor, will provide land-based firefighters the necessary skillset to effectively respond to vessel fires and address terrorism-related events at local ports and harbors.

Of the original grant amount of \$299,425, LAFD reports expenditures to date of \$194,173.97, having spent \$37,827.10 in FY 20-21 and \$156,346.87 in FY 2021-22, leaving a remaining balance of \$105,251.03. The LAFD is requesting authority to expend these remaining funds during the FEMA approved performance period extension of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2023.

The FY19 PSGP is a cost-share grant that requires the LAFD to provide a 25-percent match in funding. Of the remaining balance of \$105,251.03, FEMA will provide \$78,938.52 and the LAFD will cover the remaining balance of \$26,312.51. The LAFD will front-fund the total grant-related expenditures up to \$105,251.03 and will be reimbursed by FEMA up to \$78,938.52. 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 \$26,312.51 through identified General Fund departmental budgetary savings.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will allow for the expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2019 Port Security Grant Program (FY19 PSGP) award in the amount of \$105,251.03 for Marine Firefighting training and training-related costs. The FY19 PSGP requires a 25-percent match, or \$26,312.51, from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), which will be absorbed within the

LAFD's departmental budget. The LAFD will also seek reimbursements up to \$78,938.52 from the Federal government in accordance with the FY19 PSGP.

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.

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