

REPORT FROM

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To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Fire Commissioners dated June 4, 2024.

Subject: **FOURTH AND FIFTH AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021 REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TRAINING AGREEMENT – LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to:
 - a. Accept the 2021 Regional Hazardous Materials Response (RHMR) amended agreement for an additional amount of \$125,000, for a new total amount of \$600,000, and authorize the acceptance of any increases during the performance period of October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026, as granted by Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant on the City's behalf;
 - b. Expend funds in an amount up to \$466,078.47 and any additional increases from Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 (Overtime Variable Staffing); Account 002130 (Travel); and Account 006010 (Office and Administrative), for all training and travel expenses incurred in accordance with the RHMR agreement terms from Cal OES;
2. Authorize the Controller to deposit reimbursement grant funds up to \$466,078.47 and any additional increases from the Cal OES into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined;
3. Authorize the Fire Department to:
 - a. Transfer reimbursement grant funds from Fund 335 Department 38, Account to be determined to Fund 100 Department 38, Account 001098 (Overtime Variable Staffing), Account 002130 (Travel), and Account 006010 (Office and Administrative) upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual costs incurred from

the eligible Hazardous Materials Training Courses, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and

- b. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

On June 27, 2017, a Standard Agreement was executed between the City and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to implement a hazardous materials (hazmat) training program. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) was required to provide ongoing annual hazmat training in order to accept one of twelve Cal OES Type II Hazmat Response Vehicles (HMRV) with assigned equipment, as provided through Assembly Bill (AB) 102, which authorized funding for Regional Response Teams to improve and maintain emergency response capabilities throughout California. Funding provided through the Agreement covers costs related to training and exercises which may include overtime and travel expenses for attending.

On April 13, 2022, the City Council approved the acceptance of the 2021 Regional Hazardous Materials Response (RHMR) agreement in the amount of \$100,000, with a performance period from the date of acceptance through June 30, 2024, during which Cal OES had the option to increase the program budget on an annual basis at an approved rate. On July 18, 2022, Cal OES submitted a first amendment to the grant increasing the agreement funding amount by an additional \$150,000.

On August 31, 2023, Cal OES submitted a second amendment for an additional \$125,000, with a third amendment being submitted on September 26, 2023 thereby increasing the agreement funding amount by an additional \$100,000, for a total of \$475,000.

On June 4, 2024, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved a Department report with recommendations authorizing the LAFD to accept the fourth and fifth Cal OES amendments to Standard Agreement #A211006361, to provide an additional \$125,000 to the RHMR training program for a total of \$600,000, and any increases during the performance period from October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026, as granted by Cal OES. As of 2022-23, the LAFD utilized \$133,921.53 of allocated funding and has a remaining balance of \$466,078.47.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will allow for the acceptance of an additional \$125,000 to the Regional Hazardous Materials Response (RHMR) Standard Agreement for a total of \$600,000, and any increases during the performance period from October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026, as granted by California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Acceptance of this award will require the LAFD to front-fund expenditures of up to \$466,078.47 along with any additional increases. There is no additional fiscal impact to the LAFD departmental budget. The Cal OES will reimburse the LAFD a total amount of up to \$466,078.47 and may increase the program budget on an annual basis at a rate to be determined by Cal OES.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations stated in this report 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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Attachment