

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to continuation of grant funds for the Fiscal Year 2022 Port Security Grant Program (FY22 PSGP) grant award for the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, LAFD, or designee, to:
 - a. Expend funds up to \$223,663 from LAFD General Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 6020 Operating Supplies for the purchasing of equipment, in accordance with the FY22 PSGP award, for the performance period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2025, and any extension of this performance period granted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
 - b. Deposit up to \$167,747 in FY22 PSGP reimbursement grant funds into Fund No. 335/38, account to be determined.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Transfer reimbursement grant funds up to \$167,747 from Fund No. 335/38, account to be determined, to LAFD General Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 6020 Operating Supplies for the purchase of equipment, upon submission of proper documentation of actual costs incurred, subject to review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).
3. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.
4. NOTE and FILE the January 16, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations within the February 6, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, is report will allow for the continued expenditure of the FY22 PSGP award in the amount of \$223,663 for the purchase of a Dive Simulator and a Sonar Device. As the grant recipient, the LAFD will seek reimbursements up to \$167,747 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the provisions of the FY22 PSGP. The FY22 PSGP requires 25-percent in matching funds, or \$55,916, from the LAFD, which will be absorbed within the LAFD's budget. There is no additional impact to the General Fund resulting from the acceptance of this grant award.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that these actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized to fund grant activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 13, 2024, your Committee considered February 6, 2024 CAO and January 16, 2024 Board reports relative to the continuation of grant funds for the FY22 PSGP grant award for the LAFD. According to the CAO, the LAFD is requesting authority for the continued expenditure of funds up to the amount of \$223,663 in accordance with the FY22 PSGP award, from the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The FY22 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant with a performance period from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025.

On September 1, 2022, the LAFD received notification of a grant award from FEMA for the purchase underwater navigation equipment. The purpose of the FY22 PSGP grant is to support FEMA's National Preparedness Goals, with an objective of having a secure national maritime infrastructure with the capabilities required to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats and hazards. As such, the grant award will fund the purchase a Dive Simulator and an ArtemisPRO handheld sonar device for use in the maritime environment.

As the FY22 PSGP is a cost-share grant, FEMA will provide 75-percent of grant award funding, or \$167,747. The remaining balance of funds totaling \$55,916, will be provided by the LAFD in order to meet the grant program's 25-percent match requirement. The LAFD will front-fund the total grant-related expenditures up to \$223,663 and will be reimbursed by FEMA up to \$167,747. 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 No. 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 \$55,916 through identified General Fund Departmental budgetary savings. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report and to note and file the Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

| COUNCILMEMBER | VOTE |
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| RODRIGUEZ: | YES |
| LEE: | YES |
| McOSKER: | YES |
| PARK: | YES |
| SOTO-MARTINEZ: | YES |

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