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November 6, 2024

Honorable Karen Bass  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Room 303, City Hall  
Attn: Legislative Coordinator

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Edward Roes, Chief Administrative Analyst  
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[BFC 24-102] – ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2023 FEMA URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE  
TASK FORCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (C.F. 22-1423)

At its meeting of November 5, 2024, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the report and its recommendations. The report is hereby transmitted concurrently to the Mayor and the Office of the City Administrative Officer for consideration and approval.

Should you need additional information, please contact the Board of Fire Commissioners' office at 213-978-3838.

Sincerely,

Renee Ramirez  
Acting Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachments

cc: Fire Chief Kristin Crowley (via email)

**LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**APPROVED:** *11-5-2024*  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**BY:** *[Signature]*  
**COMMISSION EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

KRISTIN M. CROWLEY  
 FIRE CHIEF

October 22, 2024

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 24-102

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *KC* Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022 FEMA URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (C.F. 22-1423)

FINAL ACTION:     Approved                       Approved w/Corrections                       Withdrawn  
                           Denied                                       Received & Filed                                       Other

**SUMMARY**

On April 4, 1993, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was executed between the City, the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), establishing the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) as a sponsoring agency of a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force, California Task Force 1 (CA-TF1). An Amendment to the MOA was executed in 2011 (C.F. 10-2283-S1). Since 1993, the City has been awarded annual FEMA Cooperative Agreement grants to fund equipment, supplies, training, contractual services, and LAFD personnel to administer and manage the US&R CA-TF1 program.

The LAFD was awarded an additional \$145,372 for the 2023 FEMA US&R program, with a period of performance from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026 no matching funds are required, but the grant is on a reimbursement basis requiring the LAFD to front-fund expenditures. Following submission of appropriate supporting documentation, FEMA reimburses the City for those expenditures.

The expenditure plan is as follows:

Equipment:

- \$145,372 – to continue the recapitalization effort for expiring, non-functional unsupported, or obsolete equipment. The funds are not authorized for the initial purchase of vehicles or items on the equipment cache list.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact on the General Fund. The FEMA Urban Search and Rescue grant agreement does not require City matching funds. In accordance with grant guidelines, project funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

1. Approve and transmit the report to the Mayor and the Office of the City Administrative Officer for Committee and City Council consideration.

It is also recommended the Board request that the Mayor and City Council:

2. Accept the 202.32 FEMA Cooperative Agreement Supplemental Grant for the Urban Search and Rescue CA-TF1 in the amount of \$145,372 for the term of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026, and authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant on the City's behalf.
3. Authorize the Fire Department to deposit 2023 FEMA grant funds received into Fund 335, Department 38, Account 38023R.
4. Authorize the Controller, to transfer \$145,372 from Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn) to Fund 335, Department 38, Account 38023R, for the purchase of expense and equipment items, to be reimbursed by the FEMA grant during the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026, and any extensions granted by FEMA
5. Authorize the Fire Department to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.
6. Based on Fire Department submissions to the City Administrative Officer of grant budget modifications approved by FEMA, authorize the Fire Department and Controller to transfer funds, as needed, between Fund 335, Department 38 and Fund 100, Department 38 for implementation of the 2023 FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Cooperative Agreement program through the end of the grant performance period.

Board report prepared by Victoria Rodriguez, Management Analyst, Emergency Operations Bureau.