

REPORT FROM

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Council District: --

To: The Mayor and Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Board of Fire Commissioners dated September 17, 2024

Subject: **ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (CAL OES) REGIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) RESPONSE TRAINING AGREEMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Accept the Standard Agreement in the amount of \$169,950.00 for the performance period of January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, as granted by CalOES, and authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the agreement on the City's behalf;
2. Authorize the Fire Department to deposit the Standard Agreement funds received into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined;
3. Authorize the Fire Department to expend funds up to \$169,950.00 from LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 6020 Operating Expense for consumables, travel expenses and student certification fees, in accordance with the CalOES US&R Training, for the performance period granted by CalOES; and authorize the Fire Chief or designee, to execute any documents necessary to accept the award on the City's behalf;
4. Authorize the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer the Standard Agreement funds from Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined, to Fund 100, Department 38 salary accounts: Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn), and Account 001098 (Variable Staffing), upon submission of proper documentation by the Fire Department of direct staff costs incurred during the agreement performance period; and,

5. Authorize the Fire Department to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) requests authority to accept funding and training from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for use by the Regional Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force Teams.

On April 17, 2024, Standard Agreement No. A231012273 was executed between the LAFD and CalOES to provide funding for US&R Task Force response training. Corresponding funding in the amount of \$169,950.00 was also provided to support the training efforts. The funding will reimburse the LAFD for training, development, and evaluation, including facility rental fees, equipment rental fees, consumables, travel expenses, instructor fees, backfill overtime, and program administration fees. The performance period for the Agreement began January 1, 2024 and lasts through June 30, 2025, with the option to extend for one additional twelve month period based upon the original agreement rates.

The CalOES funding will enable current and future US&R-certified members to attend specialized training courses for several disciplines including Regional Task Force Leader, Regional Technical Search Specialist, Plans Team Training, Heavy Equipment Rigging Specialist, and Safety Officer. The funding will also afford members to attend various certified training courses including Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations, Structural Collapse Specialist 1 and 2, Confined Space Rescue Operations/Technician, Trench Rescue Technician, Rope Rescue Technician and Machinery Rescue Technician/Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will allow for the acceptance of \$169,950.00 in Urban Search and Rescue staff training funding through an agreement with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). Funding from the CalOES will be provided on a reimbursement basis with front-funding provided by the Fire Department. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations provided in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies, in that all agreement funding will be utilized for its intended purposes.