

PUBLIC SAFETY and BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the acceptance of the 2024 Federal Emergency Management Agency Cooperative Agreement Grant Award for the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief, LAFD, or designee, to accept the 2024 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Cooperative Agreement Grant for the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force in the amount of \$1,369,884 for the term of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027, and to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to deposit the 2024 FEMA grant funds received under this cooperative agreement into Fund 335/38, Account to be determined.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer 2024 FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38, Account to be determined, to Fund 100/38: 001010, Salaries General Account; 001012, Salaries Sworn Account; 001090, Overtime General Account; and, 001098, Overtime Variable Staffing Account, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD for direct staff costs incurred during the grant performance period.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer 2024 FEMA grant funds from Fund 335/38 to Fund 100/38, Revenue Source Code 5346, Reimbursement of Grant Related Costs, for fringe benefits upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD for costs incurred during the grant performance period.
5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$498,438 from Fund 100/ 38, Account 001012, Salaries Sworn, to Fund 335/ 38, Account to be determined, for the purchase of expense and equipment items, to be reimbursed by the FEMA grant during the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027, and any extensions granted by FEMA.
6. AUTHORIZE the LAFD and the Controller to transfer funds as needed between Fund 335/38 and Fund 100/38 for implementation of the 2024 FEMA US&R Cooperative Agreement program through the end of the performance period.
7. AUTHORIZE the Fire Chief to negotiate and execute contracts with the following service providers, each not to exceed \$99,000, for the 2024 FEMA grant performance period: Canine Search Specialist (three contracts); Medical Team Manager (eight contracts); Structural Engineering Specialist (eight contracts); Task Force Leader (five contracts); Safety Officer (two contracts); Plans Manager (two contracts); Rescue Manager (two contracts); and Hazardous Materials Manager (two contracts).
8. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations included in this report will authorize the LAFD to accept the 2024 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Cooperative Agreement Grant funding in the amount of \$1,369,884 effective from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027. The LAFD will front-fund all costs and will be reimbursed by FEMA upon submission of proper documentation. Matching funds by the City are not required. Funds will support the personnel and overtime costs for three positions: one Fire Captain I, one Management Analyst, and one Storekeeper II; office and equipment expenses; and, agreements for specialized services for the US&R CA-TF1 program. The 2024 FEMA grant budget

for personnel will support the direct costs and fringe benefits of the three positions provided in this report. Resolution authority for the three positions are included in the 2024-25 Adopted Budget.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations provided in this report are in compliance with the City’s Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized to the extent possible, to fund the grant program activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on August 20, 2025, the Public Safety Committee considered a City Administrative Officer report relative to the acceptance of the 2024 Federal Emergency Management Agency Cooperative Agreement Grant Award for the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained within the City Administrative Officer report, as detailed above.

Subsequently, on September 2, 2025, the Budget and Finance Committee also considered this matter and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee concurred with the recommendations made previously by the Public Safety Committee.

This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE	YES
PRICE	ABSENT
McOSKER	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ	YES
PARK	YES

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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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