

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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To: The Mayor and City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Board of Fire Commissioners transmittal dated June 2, 2026

Subject: **ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2026 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 2026 Regional Hazardous Materials Response (RHMR) agreement in the amount of \$100,000, and any increases during the performance period, from the acceptance date through June 30, 2029, as granted by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant on the City's behalf;
 - b. Expend funds in an amount up to \$100,000 from Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 Variable Staffing Overtime; 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 \$100,000, and any additional increases and administrative fees from 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 TBD to Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 (Variable Staffing); Account 002130 (Travel); Account 006010 (Office and Administrative); Account 006020 (Operating Supplies); and Fund 100, Department 38, Revenue Source Code 005301 (Reimbursement from Other Funds) 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 City Administrative Officer (CAO), and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) requests the authority to accept the 2026 Regional Hazardous Materials Response (RHMR) agreement with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the amount of \$100,000, and any increases during the performance period, from the acceptance date through June 30, 2029. Matching funds are not required; however, the LAFD is required to front-fund the necessary expenditures. The City will then receive the grant funds on a reimbursement basis, following submission of proper documentation.

BACKGROUND

On April 8, 2026, a Standard Agreement was executed between the City and the 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 provided through Assembly Bill (AB) 102, which authorized funding for Regional Response Teams to improve emergency response capabilities throughout California. The purpose of the ongoing required training is to maintain response capabilities to the Regional Response Team, and to support training requirements for sworn personnel responding with a Type II HMRV.

At its meeting on June 2, 2026, the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) approved a report and its recommendations authorizing the LAFD to accept and expend funds provided in the 2026 Regional Hazardous Materials Response (RHMR) Standard Agreement No. A261016460 in the amount of up to \$100,000. The funding will reimburse the LAFD for personnel costs for training and exercises which may include overtime and travel expenses for attending. In addition, the funding will cover a three-percent administrative fee for processing reimbursement invoices. The performance period for the Agreement shall be from the date of approval through June 30, 2029, during which Cal OES may increase the program budget on an annual basis at a rate to be determined by Cal OES.

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6, the LAFD is required to transmit grant applications for Mayor and Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will allow for the acceptance of the Regional Hazardous Materials Response (RHMR) Standard Agreement in the amount of up to \$100,000 from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), for a three-year term commencing upon approval through June 2029. Acceptance of this Agreement will require the LAFD to front-fund expenditures of up to \$100,000. There is no additional fiscal impact to the LAFD departmental

budget. The Cal OES will reimburse the LAFD a total amount of up to \$100,000 and may increase the program budget on an annual basis at a rate to be determined by Cal OES.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations within 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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