

**CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Manager
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: February 10, 2004

RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT FOR ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$127,828) FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY TO THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

SUMMARY

The City Council is asked to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant for one hundred and twenty seven thousand and eight hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$127,828) from the Office of Traffic Safety to the Oakland Fire Department for extrication equipment and training.

Extrication equipment is comprised of hydraulic equipment and tools that are needed for removing victims from vehicles safely and quickly. This equipment is normally utilized for cutting and/or pulling heavy metal following vehicle collisions to remove victims. This equipment can also be used to rescue trapped victims from buildings and confined spaces.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed resolution authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$127,828 in state grant funds to a new project, State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, Fund 2140, Organization 20816, Account 52919. The required grant match is comprised of in-kind services of \$37,500 that have already been budgeted in the General Purpose Fund 1010, Organization 20816.

The grant period is 12 months, beginning October 1, 2003. All State funds must be liquidated within 90 days following the grant ending date. The audit of the grant will be covered by the City's annual single audit.

The \$165,328 in combined State Grant and City matching funds will be used to cover the cost of purchasing the extrication equipment and related training for at least two truck companies.

BACKGROUND

The extrication equipment currently in use by the Fire Department is more than twenty years old. Since the useful life of this equipment is twelve years, the replacement and upgrading of these critical tools is long overdue. The current equipment breaks down frequently and the technology is obsolete. These factors create delays in emergency response and may also compromise patient and firefighter safety when extrications are being performed.

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To begin addressing this issue, on January 30, 2003, the Oakland Fire Department conducted a comprehensive assessment of equipment and tool needs, explored the various equipment vendors and costs, to develop a long-term plan for equipment replacement, upgrades and repairs.

Additionally, the Oakland Fire Department submitted a grant proposal to the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, for the purchase of extrication equipment to outfit at least two truck companies and provide training on the new equipment.

On June 2, 2003, the Office of Traffic Safety notified the Oakland Fire Department that the grant proposal had been approved for funding of equipment up to \$139, 268 to outfit at least two truck companies with extrication equipment and training. We were made aware that the grant proposal would be funded upon approval of a detailed work plan and budget from the Oakland Fire Department.

The work plan and budget was submitted to the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) September 10, 2003 for review by OTS.

On December 17, 2003, the OTS tentatively approved the Oakland Fire Department extrication equipment and training work plan with budget pending final signatures and a formal written notification that should be received within 60 days.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The implementation of new extrication equipment will provide Oakland firefighters with the tools needed for removing victims/patients from vehicles more safely and quickly. The implementation of the new equipment and training will help ensure that traffic victims are safely and efficiently rescued, treated and transported rapidly.

At the present time, the grant funds will be utilized to outfit at least two truck companies with new equipment and tools. This will include providing the appropriate training. The long-term goal is to eventually outfit all seven truck companies with new extrication equipment, tools and training.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of the extrication equipment and training program is to improve the Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) delivery system at traffic collisions through the replacement of outdated hydraulic equipment. The EMS delivery system can be improved by utilizing new state-of-the-art equipment and new techniques. These objectives include reducing the average extrication time, reducing average response time to auto extrications and improving first responder services to traffic collision victims in the Oakland service area within the next year.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic- The purchase of new extrication equipment and the implementation of training to use the new equipment will enhance the safety and well being of emergency response personnel during traffic collision rescues and extrications along with increasing the effectiveness of rescues, which may ultimately reduce the loss of lives.

Environmental- There are no environmental opportunities associated with this report.

Social Equity- There are no social equity opportunities associated with this report.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues associated with this report.

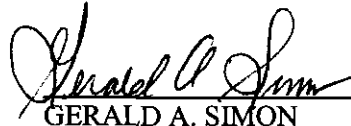
RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council support the acceptance of the Office of Traffic Safety grant awarded to the Oakland Fire Department to purchase extrication equipment and implement training on the use of the new equipment. The new equipment and training will enhance the Oakland Fire Department's current Emergency Medical Services delivery system when responding to traffic collisions.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that the City Council accept this report and approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant for one hundred and twenty seven thousand and eight hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$127,828) from the Office of Traffic Safety to the Oakland Fire Department for extrication equipment and training.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

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WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and the City Council are committed to proactive emergency preparedness, response and mitigation and fire prevention; and,

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department developed a grant proposal for the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), requesting \$127,828, to assist in purchasing Extrication equipment and training; and,

WHEREAS, OTS, accepted and approved the grant proposal submitted by the Oakland Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, OTS awarded the Oakland Fire Department \$127,828 for extrication equipment and training; and

WHEREAS, the applicant's matching share will be in the form of in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has identified in-kind services to satisfy the \$37,500 required match; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant for one hundred and twenty seven thousand and eight hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$127,828) from the Office of Traffic Safety to the Oakland Fire Department for Extrication equipment and training in Fund 2140, Organization 20816, Account 52919, Project PS26.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, BROOKS, NADEL, WAN, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DELAFUENTE

AYES-

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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PUBLIC SAFETY CMTE.

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California

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