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AGENDA REPORT

TO: DEANNA J. SANTANA
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: TERESA DELOACH REED
FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: SAFER Grant (2010) Funding Request DATE: August 29, 2012

City Administrator
Approval

Date

9/10/12

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to appropriate and administer grant funds in the amount of Three Hundred and Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$307,224) From the Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing For Adequate Fire Emergency Response Program (SAFER) to the Oakland Fire Department to fund one firefighter for the period July 31, 2011 through July 30, 2013.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oakland Fire Department applied for and was awarded this grant in July of 2011; during that time, the Department was experiencing administrative staffing shortages which impacted the Department's ability to effectively manage existing grants. As a result, we are at this time requesting authorization to accept these grant funds and fulfill the requirements of the grant prior to the end of the performance period, July 30, 2013.

OUTCOME

Acceptance of these grant funds will allow the Fire Department to fund the salary and benefits of one firefighter for the period July 31, 2011 through July 30, 2013, thereby creating general fund savings.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The *Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)* was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities.

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Public Safety
September 25, 2012

The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards established by the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The SAFER program provides funding for the salary and benefits of firefighters in eligible agencies with staffing needs.

ANALYSIS

Adequate staffing in the Department's Operations Division is essential to the City's ability to provide quality emergency response services to the residents of Oakland. Staffing levels within the Department have steadily decreased over the last few years due to attrition and layoffs. Acceptance of this grant will provide funding for one full-time firefighter, thereby enhancing the Department's ability to provide public safety services, without cost to the general fund during the two-year performance period.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office and Budget Office were consulted in the preparation of this report.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

This should include:

1. **AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION**
Grant Amount: \$307,224
Performance Period: July 31, 2011 through July 30, 2013
2. **COST ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT/CONTRACT**
Salary and Benefits of one FTE Fire Fighter: \$307,224
3. **SOURCE OF FUNDING: FEMA SAFER Grant**
4. **FISCAL IMPACT:** These grant funds will finance one full-time fire fighter for two years, which is currently funded by the general fund. Accepting this grant will realize savings in the amount of \$307,224 to the general fund for two years.

Funds shall be deposited into the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fund (2124), Fire Suppression/Field Operations Division (Org. #20411), various accounts according to the grant award agreement (all personnel) and a project to be determined, Fire Suppression Program (#PS17) and the revenue will be deposited into FEMA Grants Revenue account (46130).

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

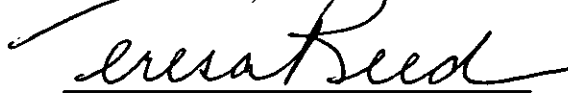
Economic: Acceptance of this grant will provide relief to the general fund in the amount of \$307,224; thereby making a positive contribution to the current state of the City's economic condition.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities.

Social Equity: Acceptance of this grant will provide funding for one full-time firefighter, thereby enhancing the Departments ability to provide public safety services to the residents of Oakland.

For questions concerning this report, please contact Ms. Cynthia Perkins at (510) 238- 4055.

Respectfully submitted,



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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO ACCEPT, APPROPRIATE, AND ADMINISTER GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$307,224) FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM (SAFER) TO THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT TO FUND ONE FIREFIGHTER FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 31, 2011 THROUGH JULY 30, 2013

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants Program (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards established by the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The SAFER program provides funding for the salary and benefits of firefighters in eligible agencies with staffing needs; and

WHEREAS, adequate staffing in the Fire Department's Operations Division is essential to the City's ability to provide quality emergency response services to the residents of Oakland; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to accept, appropriate, and administer grant funds in the amount of Three Hundred seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$307,224) From the Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing For Adequate Fire Emergency Response Grant Program (SAFER) to the Oakland Fire Department to fund one firefighter for the period July 31, 2011 through July 30, 2013; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That SAFER funds shall be deposited into the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fund (2124), Fire Suppression/Field Operations Division (Org. #20411), various accounts according to the grant award agreement (all personnel) and a project to be determined, Fire Suppression Program (#PS17) and the revenue will be deposited into FEMA Grants Revenue account (46130); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, and documentation required to

accept, modify, extend and/or amend this agreement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Attorney shall review and approve said agreement as to form and legality and copies of said agreement shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, BRUNNER and PRESIDENT REID

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California