

2011 JUN 23 PM **CITY OF OAKLAND**
AGENDA REPORT

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: P. Lamont Ewell
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: July 5, 2011

RE: Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, on Behalf of the City of Oakland, to Apply for, Accept and Appropriate Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Grant Funds From the State of California Homeland Security Grant Program in the Amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) For the City of Oakland, Office of Emergency Services, Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) Program

SUMMARY

Staff is requesting that the Oakland City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate the Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) grant totaling fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) awarded by the State of California Homeland Security Grant Program to the City of Oakland, Office of Emergency Services (OES), Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) Program. The City of Oakland's CERT grant proposal for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 has been approved.

The grant funding will be used between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, or until grant funds are exhausted to support the CORE program's one-time projects or program costs that enhance trainings and levels of participation by Oakland residents and the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

City Council approval will authorize the City Administrator or his designee to accept and appropriate funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the State of California's Homeland Security Grant Program to the Alameda County Grant Fund (2160), Oakland Fire Department Office of Emergency Services Organization (20711), Account (to be determined), Office Emergency Services/Homeland Security Program (PS21), Project Number (to be determined). The same amount of funds will be appropriated in the Miscellaneous State Grants Revenue Account (46229). The grant period is July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, or until the grant funds are exhausted. At this time, the City of Oakland is not required to expend any matching funds.

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Special project or one-time program costs are eligible for reimbursement, but not recurring program expenses. These one-time expenditures paid by the City's General Purpose Fund can then be reimbursed by the grant. Any other costs (CSO, Contract Assessment fee, Central Stores, etc.) will be paid by general funds or other funding sources available in the Oakland Fire Department's FY 2011-13 Adopted Budget. Accordingly, funds are available in the OES operating budget in Fund 1010, Organization 20711, to support projects and offset any costs that cannot be reimbursed by the grant. The grant will be managed by the OES Manager.

BACKGROUND

Since September 11, 2001, professional organizations have worked together with service organizations and volunteers to integrate their approaches to personal preparedness and community-wide response to disasters. As a result, the President of the United States launched a national Citizens Corps initiative in 2002. This initiative covers a number of different programs, including Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

In April 2004, Oakland's Emergency Management Board, now known as the Oakland Emergency Management And Disaster Preparedness Council (EMADPC), agreed to function as the City's Citizens Corps Council in order for Oakland to remain eligible for Homeland Security and other federal preparedness funds.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

CERT training has always been the "backbone" of the national program. Operating under guidance from the Office of Domestic Preparedness, which is a branch of the federal Department of Homeland Security, the State of California's Office of Homeland Security currently administers the Citizens Corps Program. A "local control" philosophy was adopted to allow individual jurisdictions to tailor Citizen Corps programs to their specific structures within general guidelines that supported statewide consistency. As such, the State chose each County Operational Area as a means to both award and administer CERT grant funding to their eligible jurisdictions.

The City of Oakland's nationally recognized CERT program is the Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies, also known as the CORE program. A majority of the grant funding will be used to enhance the CORE program by developing a pilot part-time trainers program to expand training classes, reinstate a focused outreach effort to recruit individuals and neighborhoods to complete the CORE program training in low-participating communities, specifically in East and West Oakland, as well as to continue to promote and support the level of Individual and Family Preparedness Training programs in Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, Vietnamese and Cantonese.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In an effort to reach a wider community audience in Oakland, the Oakland Fire Department will develop a pilot program to establish temporary, part-time CORE Program outreach coordinators and trainers who will be used to increase the number of trained residents and community members in Individual and Family Preparedness.

OES staff developed and submitted a proposal for the grant funding request to Alameda County OES to obtain the CERT grant funds that were awarded for federal FY 2010. The grant funds will be used to subsidize the cost of this pilot program and also to expand outreach efforts to areas of Oakland that do not normally participate in the CORE program (East and West Oakland). In addition, the funding will be used to develop media campaigns and other training tools such as videos, online training, and other formats that promote community emergency preparedness actions and participation in the CORE program.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: In emergencies, CORE neighborhood teams provide valuable support to first responders, emergency management agencies, and organizations like the American Red Cross. CORE members are trained to evaluate, control, and possibly mitigate emergency situations until emergency help arrives. Some minor emergency situations may be resolved without utilizing emergency personnel. The CORE program helps to create a community that is self-reliant, which in turn, speeds up economic recovery.

Environmental: CORE training provides the community with members who have the skills to evaluate and identify various hazards, including those that are environmental in nature.

Social Equity: CORE teams promote an increase in community preparedness and safety. A neighborhood that is informed of and trained in the principles of CORE can help keep the community safer. Specifically, funds from this grant will be used to implement a pilot program that is focused on expanding individual and family emergency preparedness training in Oakland, especially in areas that do not regularly participate. The goal of the grant funding for this pilot program is to hire temporary, part-time trainers whenever possible, that can provide outreach to areas in the City that have low participation in CORE. At this time, the CORE program will continue to be provided in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, Vietnamese and Cantonese.

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DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The CORE program is inclusive of all Oakland residents and community members. CORE supports training specifically for senior citizens as well as persons with disabilities/functional needs and proactively supports the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable laws.

RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the report and approve the accompanying resolution authorizing the City Administrator or his designee to accept the CERT grant totaling \$50,000 and appropriate these funds to the Oakland Fire Department's, Office of Emergency Services (OES) Fund 2160, Organization 20711, Account (to be determined), Office Emergency Services/Homeland Security Program (PS21), Project (to be determined).

City Council's acceptance and approval will allow OES to receive funding for enhancements to the Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) program and to other Citizen Corps type programs sponsored through its Emergency Management And Disaster Preparedness Council (EMADPC).

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ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that the City Council approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator or his designee to accept the CERT grant totaling \$50,000 and appropriate these funds to the Oakland Fire Department's, Office of Emergency Services (OES) Fund 2160, Organization 20711, Account (to be determined), PS21, Project (to be determined).

Respectfully submitted,



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Interim Fire Chief
Fire Department

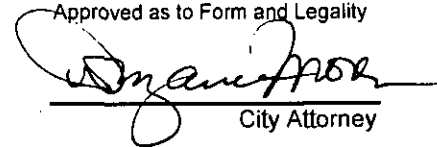
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Prepared by:
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Office of Emergency Services

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL:


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 City Attorney

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2010 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, COMMUNITIES OF OAKLAND RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES (CORE) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and the Oakland City Council are committed to improving community emergency preparedness by providing citizens with the training and skills to sustain themselves and assist family members, neighbors, coworkers and others until emergency personnel arrive; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and the Oakland City Council are committed to improving local government's emergency preparedness through ongoing support of its Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Council, which is Oakland's Disaster Council as prescribed by the California Emergency Services Act; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States established a Citizen Corps program to assist individual states with the development of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Citizen Corps Councils; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Domestic Preparedness, a branch of the federal Department of Homeland Security, provides the States with Homeland Security grants to fund a range of domestic preparedness initiatives, including the Citizens Corps program; and

WHEREAS, through the State of California's Homeland Security grant program, the State has allowed local jurisdictions to tailor Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs to meet the specific needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Operational Area is awarding and administering the grant to Alameda County jurisdictions for their local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is called the Communities of Oakland's Respond to Emergencies (CORE) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Office of Emergency Services has requested and been awarded a CERT grant totaling \$50,000.00 for federal Fiscal Year 2010 to support its CERT program and there is no matching funds requirement or additional General Purpose Fund appropriation necessary for indirect costs, such as Central Service Overhead (CSO), Central Stores, and Contract Assessment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or his designee to accept and appropriate funding from the State of California's Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Alameda County Grant Fund (2160) for the Oakland Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services Organization (20711) Communities of Oakland Respond To Emergencies (CORE) Program, Account (to be determined), Project (to be determined), and the Office of Emergency Services/Homeland Security Program (PS21); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the grant funds will be deposited into the Alameda County Grant Fund (2160) for the Oakland Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services Organization (20711), Miscellaneous State Grants Revenue Account (46229); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby appoints the City Administrator, or his designee, as its agent to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests, that may be necessary for the completion of the grant award, acceptance, reimbursements and project completion; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Office of the City Attorney has approved this resolution as to form and legality and a copy will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California