

**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 FIFTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS (\$51,586) FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION (USFA), TO THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR WILD LAND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

SUMMARY

The City Council is asked to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), to the Oakland Fire Department for wildland firefighting equipment and training.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed resolution authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$51,586 in federal grant funds to a newly created Project in Program PS26, in the Federal Emergency Management Fund, Fund 2124, Organization 20816, Account 52919. The required grant match of \$22,108 will be funded from General Purpose Fund 1010, Organization 20816, Account 52919.

The grant period is 12 months, beginning November 21, 2003. All Federal 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 \$73,694 in grant and matching funds will cover the cost of additional wildland firefighting equipment and training on the use of the new equipment.

BACKGROUND

Fires in the urban-wildland interface have caused great losses over the past 75 years. Until the southern California fire in 2003, none had been more devastating than the 1991 Oakland Hills Firestorm. The Oakland Fire Department recognizes that protecting our citizens and community from the effects of future wildland fires is critical.

In an effort to augment wildland fire preparedness and response capabilities, the Oakland Fire Department submitted a grant proposal to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, United

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States Fire Administration (USFA), for the purchase of wildland firefighting equipment and training.

On November 21, 2003, the USFA notified the Oakland Fire Department that the grant proposal had been approved for funding of wildland firefighting equipment and training for \$51,586, which required matching funds of \$22,108 from the Oakland Fire Department. The grant and matching funds will allow the Oakland Fire Department to purchase additional equipment such as wildland firefighting hose and nozzles, portable radios, thermal imagers, and portable global positioning systems, that will enhance the urban/wildland interface firefighting readiness. Additionally, emergency response personnel will obtain advanced wildland firefighting training.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The implementation of new wildland firefighting equipment will provide Oakland firefighters the opportunity to replace some essential wildland firefighting equipment that is old and obsolete. Replacing the old equipment with the new technology and equipment available will tremendously assist future wildland firefighting efforts. Moreover, firefighters, company officers and battalion chiefs will receive more extensive wildland firefighting training to ensure the most effective response and field management during urban wildland fires. This training will also help to enhance firefighter health, safety and community emergency response.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of the wildland firefighting equipment and training program is to increase the readiness of emergency response personnel during wildland fire emergencies such as the 1991 Oakland Hills fire and the 2003 Southern California wildland fires.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic- The purchase of new wildland firefighting equipment and the implementation of the advanced wildland firefighting training will enhance wildland firefighting emergency responses, which may ultimately reduce the loss of lives and property.

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 direct ADA or senior citizen access issues associated with this report. However, better-trained and better-equipped firefighters make the community safer for our senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE


Staff recommends that the City Council support the acceptance of the grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration (USFA), for the purchase of wildland firefighting equipment and training. The grant and matching funds will provide the

Oakland Fire Department with an opportunity to augment wildland firefighting capabilities with needed equipment and training. These capabilities are necessary to ensure the safety of the firefighters during wildland firefighting emergencies. In addition, these capabilities will improve response efforts that may ultimately reduce the loss of lives and property.

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 fifty one thousand five hundred and eighty six dollars (\$51,586) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration, for the purchase of wildland firefighting equipment and wildland firefighting training.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


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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 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), requesting \$51,586, to assist in purchasing wild land firefighting equipment and training; and,

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

WHEREAS, the USFA awarded the Oakland Fire Department \$51,586 for the wild land firefighting equipment and training; and

WHEREAS, the applicant's matching share must be in the form of cash; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has identified sufficient funds in Fund 1010, Organization 20816, Account 54919 to satisfy the \$22,108 required match; not therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant for fifty one thousand five hundred and eighty six dollars (\$51,586) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), to the Oakland Fire Department, in Fund 2124, Project PS26, Organization Number 20816, for wild land firefighting equipment and training.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2003

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

AYES-

NOES-

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ABSTENTION-

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ATTEST: _____
CEDA FLOYD

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