

**CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Manager
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: December 9, 2003

RE: 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 HIGH RISE FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

SUMMARY

The City Council is asked to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant for sixty four thousand five hundred and fifty four dollars (\$64,554) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), to the Oakland Fire Department for High Rise Firefighting equipment and training.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed resolution authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$64,554 in federal grant funds to a newly created Project in ProgramPS26, in the Federal Emergency Management Fund, Fund 2124, Organization 20816, Account 52919. The required grant match of \$27,666 will be funded from General Purpose Fund 1010, Organization 20816, Account 52919.

The \$92,210 in grant and matching funds will cover the cost of high-rise firefighting equipment and training on the use of the new equipment.

BACKGROUND

In April 2002, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) made \$360 million in grant funding available for fire departments nationwide.

The grant awards are being distributed through the United States Fire Administration (USFA), an agency of FEMA.

The purpose of the grant funding is to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards, and to provide assistance for fire prevention programs.

The USFA accepted applications for funding between March 1, 2002 and April 1, 2002. Fire Departments could apply for grants to:

- Train firefighting personnel;
- Establish wellness and fitness programs;
- Buy firefighting vehicles;

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- Buy firefighting equipment;
- Buy protective equipment; or
- Fund fire prevention programs.

The USFA received over 50,000 grant requests totaling \$6 billion and actually awarded 5,314 grants that totaled \$334.3 million. California fire departments and fire districts represented \$18.9 million of the \$334.3 million.

The Oakland Fire Department submitted a grant application requesting \$64,554 to match existing program funds of \$27,666 for the purchase of high-rise firefighting equipment and training. The Oakland Fire Department grant proposal was accepted and approved by the USFA in the amount of \$64,554.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The implementation of new high-rise firefighting equipment and training will be beneficial to the Oakland community because it will provide firefighters with an increased opportunity to enhance fire suppression operations by providing a higher flow of water to extinguish high-rise and multi-story fires more efficiently. The increased opportunity to extinguish fires effectively reduces the loss of lives, the loss of property and enhances firefighter safety.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The High Rise Firefighting equipment and training program is designed to ensure adequate water flows and proper stream patterns during high rise firefighting and improve firefighting efforts. The program will upgrade the current High Rise packs with 2 ½ inch hose and 1 ¾ inch hose for reaching confined spaces and areas. Additionally, a minimum of eighty six fire fighting personnel that work in the Downtown District Area directly enhanced by this grant, would be provided with a four hour training to familiarize personnel with the new equipment, required pump operations and use of new nozzles.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic- The purchase of new high-rise firefighting equipment and the implementation of training to use the new equipment will enhance the safety and well being of emergency response personnel during high-rise and multi-story fire emergencies, reduce work related injuries and increase water flow which may ultimately reduce fire losses.

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.

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 the sixty four thousand five hundred and fifty four dollars (\$64,554) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), to the Oakland Fire Department, for the High Rising Firefighting equipment and training.

Respectfully submitted



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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT FOR SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$64,554) FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION (USFA), TO THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR HIGH RISE FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

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 \$64,554, to assisting in purchasing highrise 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 \$64,554 for the high rise 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 52919, to satisfy the \$27,666 required match; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant for sixty four thousand five hundred and fifty four dollars (\$64,554) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), to the Oakland Fire Department in Fund 2124, Project PS26, Organization 20816, Account 52919, for high rise 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-

ATTEST: _____
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