

**CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: December 14, 2004
RE: **A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Accept And Appropriate A Grant For \$76,870 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), To The Oakland Fire Department For Equipment And Training That Will Increase Capabilities To Respond To Terrorist-Related Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear And Explosives (CBRNE) Incidents And Other Hazardous Materials Incidents**

SUMMARY

The City Council is asked to approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), to the Oakland Fire Department for equipment and training that will increase capabilities to respond to terrorist-related chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives (CBRNE) incidents and other hazardous materials incidents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed resolution authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$76,870 in federal grant funds to a newly created project in the Emergency Response Support, Program PS26, in the Federal Emergency Management Fund, Fund 2124, Organization 20816, and Account 52914. The required grant match of \$32,943 will be funded from General Purpose Fund 1010, Organization 20816, Account 52914.

The grant period is 12 months, beginning July 30, 2004. 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 \$109,813 in grant and matching funds will cover the cost of additional equipment and training on the use of the new equipment that will augment emergency response capabilities during terrorist-related CBRNE incidents and other hazardous materials incidents.

A three-year contract for maintenance of the hazardous materials equipment will be funded by the grant program funds. Future year maintenance agreements will be funded by the Fire Department's operating budget.

BACKGROUND

The Oakland Fire Department recognizes that protecting our firefighters, citizens and community from future terrorist attacks and hazardous materials incidents is critical.

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Public Safety Committee
December 14, 2004

In an effort to augment Oakland's level of readiness and increase firefighter safety in responding to acts of terrorism and hazardous materials incidents, the Oakland Fire Department submitted a grant proposal to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration (USFA), for the purchase of specialized equipment and specialized training.

On August 6, 2004, the USFA notified the Oakland Fire Department that the grant proposal had been approved for funding of specialized equipment and training for \$76,870 that can be utilized for responding to terrorist attacks and hazardous materials incidents. The grant requires matching funds of \$32,943 from the Oakland Fire Department.

The grant and matching funds will allow the Oakland Fire Department to purchase new and additional equipment such as a rapid deployment kit system that can be set up at large events or other critical facilities to immediately detect any release of chemicals and gases that could be lethal to humans. This equipment provides early detection and warning so that emergency responders can act quickly and effectively.

Additional equipment includes hazardous materials emergency response equipment and supplies such as sampling devices, decontamination equipment, clean-up supplies, containment equipment and packaging supplies. All of the equipment and supplies will augment the Fire Department's level of readiness and response.

In order to ensure the maximum benefits of the new specialized equipment and supplies, emergency response personnel will also obtain advanced training.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The purchase of new equipment will provide Oakland firefighters the opportunity to have access to the latest technology and equipment available for responding to terrorist incidents and other hazardous material incidents. Moreover, firefighters, company officers and battalion chiefs will receive more extensive training to ensure the most effective response and field management during these dangerous emergency responses. This training will also help to enhance firefighter health, safety and community emergency response.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of the equipment and training program is to increase the readiness of emergency response personnel and protect citizens, critical facilities, infrastructure, the environment and property from the threats of terrorism and other hazardous materials incidents that can occur within the Oakland community.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic- The purchase of new equipment and the implementation of the advanced training will enhance emergency responses, which may ultimately reduce the loss of lives and property. Additionally, the grant funds will enhance the sales revenues within the next year because approximately 20% of the grant funds are for equipment that can be supplied by Oakland vendors.

Environmental- The ability to enhance our capability related to the early detection of chemicals and other danger substances will enhance our ability to protect the environment and citizens, as well as mitigate hazardous materials emergency incidents and terrorist-related attacks.

Social Equity- The grant program training, equipment and supplies will benefit the entire Oakland community but it will especially improve the Fire department's emergency response in the areas of the city that have hazardous materials facilities, which are primarily along the 880 freeway corridor and the West Oakland community.

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 specialized equipment and training to respond to terrorist incidents and other hazardous materials incidents. The grant and matching funds will provide the Oakland Fire Department with an opportunity to have the necessary emergency response capabilities.

These capabilities are necessary to ensure the safety of the firefighters during major 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

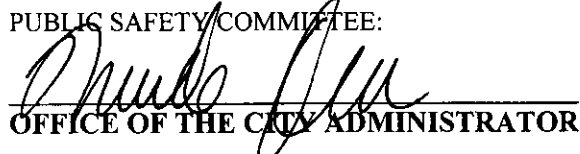
Staff requests that the City Council accept this report and approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate a grant for seventy six thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$76,870) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration, for the purchase of specialized equipment and training to increase capabilities to respond to terrorist-related chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents and other hazardous material incidents.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT FOR \$76,870 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION (USFA), TO THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING THAT WILL INCREASE CAPABILITIES TO RESPOND TO TERRORIST-RELATED CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND EXPLOSIVES (CBRNE) INCIDENTS AND OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS

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

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department developed a grant proposal for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), requesting \$76,870, to assisting in purchasing specialized equipment and training to prepare for and respond to terrorist related chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives (CBRNE) incidents and other hazardous materials incidents; 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 \$76,870 for specialized 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 52914, to satisfy the \$32,943 required match; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to accept and appropriate a grant for seventy six thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$76,870) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), United States Fire Administration (USFA), to the Oakland Fire Department, in Fund 2124, the Emergency Response Support Program, PS26, Organization Number 20816, for specialized equipment and training to prepare for and respond to terrorist-related CBRNE incidents and other hazardous materials incidents and that the grant revenues collected will be equivalent to the USFA grant award.

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-

ATTEST: _____

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