

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: April 27, 2004

RE: **A REPORT AND RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT FOR NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$9,689.30) FOR FISCAL YEAR DECEMBER 4, 2003 TO DECEMBER 5, 2004, FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GO SERV GRANT FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) ENHANCEMENT, AWARDED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OPERATIONAL AREA TO THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S CITIZENS OF OAKLAND RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES (CORE) PROGRAM**

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the City Council with background information on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of California's GO SERV grant for local government Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Staff is also requesting that City Council approve a resolution to accept and appropriate \$9,689.30 from FEMA and the State of California GO SERV program which is awarded by Alameda County Operational Area to the Oakland Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services (OES) for enhancements to the City's current Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies, (CORE).

FISCAL IMPACTS

This grant does not require matching funds from the City. The proposed resolution authorizes appropriation of \$9,689.30 in FEMA grant funds to Oakland Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services, Federal Emergency Management Agency Fund 2124, Organization 20711, Project number to be assigned.

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BACKGROUND

Since September 11, 2001, professional organizations have worked together with service organizations and volunteers to integrate their approach to personal preparedness and community-wide responses.

As a result, the President of the United States launched a national Citizens Corps program. In 2002, the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism was chosen to administer the President's federal grant 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 the CERT funding to their eligible jurisdictions.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Department of Homeland Security, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing CERT program grants to states and territories through a FY December 4, 2003- December 5, 2004 appropriation.

CERT training has always been the "backbone" of the national program. The City of Oakland's nationally recognized CERT program is the Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE).

Alameda County Operational Area awarded \$1,000.00 per Alameda County jurisdiction initially and then awarded additional funding on a per capita basis. The grant funding will be used to enhance the CORE program by updating and redesigning the CORE website, printing the CORE 1 and CORE 2 manuals in Chinese, and purchasing equipment and supplies to provide advanced emergency preparedness and response training to CORE members.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: In emergencies, CORE members and their teams can provide valuable support to first responders, emergency management agencies, and organizations like the American Red Cross. CORE members are trained to evaluate, control and organize situations until emergency help arrives. Some situations may be resolved without utilizing emergency personnel.

Environmental: CORE training can provide the community with members who have the skill to mitigate and control various hazards, including environmental.

Social Equity: CORE teams promote an increase in community preparedness and safety with non-emergency projects. A neighborhood that is informed of and trained in the principles of CORE can keep the community safer.

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DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS


The CORE program is inclusive of all citizens in its training program. It does not conflict with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or other applicable laws.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council accept this report and resolution, authorizing the City Administrator or designee to accept the FY December 4, 2003 – December 5, 2004, FEMA/GO SERV Grant award in the amount of \$9,689.30 and appropriate these funds to the Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services (OES).

City Council's acceptance and approval will allow OES to receive funding for the enhancements made to the current CORE program during this time period.

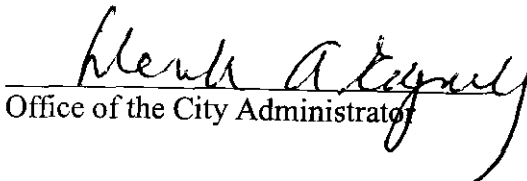
Respectfully submitted,



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Fire Department

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

A REPORT AND RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT FOR NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$9,689.30) FOR FISCAL YEAR DECEMBER 4, 2003 TO DECEMBER 5, 2004 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GO SERV GRANT FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) ENHANCEMENT, AWARDED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OPERATIONAL AREA TO THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S CITIZENS OF OAKLAND RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES (CORE) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and the 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 Department of Homeland Security, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) established a Citizen Corps grant program to assist individual states with the development of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs; and

WHEREAS, the State of California developed the GO SERV Program and allowed jurisdictions to tailor Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Programs to meet the specific needs of their community; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, 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 Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) program; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services has been awarded a grant of \$9,689.30 for the purpose of updating and redesigning the CORE website, printing the CORE 1 and CORE 2 manuals into Chinese, and purchasing equipment and supplies to provide advanced emergency preparedness and response training to CORE members; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not impact the City's General Fund and does not require matching funds from the City; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to accept and appropriate the Federal Emergency Management Agency\State of California GO SERV grant in the amount of \$9,689.30, to the Oakland Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services, Federal Emergency Management Agency Fund 2124, Organization 20711, Project number to be assigned.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND CALIFORNIA, _____, 2004

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

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RECUSED-

ATTEST: _____
CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council

Per _____ Deputy

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