



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Edward D. Reiskin
City Administrator

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SUBJECT: Alameda County Veoci Interactive
Emergency Management Information
Technology

DATE: September 22, 2020

City Administrator Approval 

Date: Sep 24, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Approve A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To: (A) Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) For Receipt Of Funds For The Period September 1, 2020 To August 31, 2023, In The Amount Of One Million Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand And Six Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$1,266,631); (B) Accept And Appropriate Said FEMA Funds For The Fire Department's Urban Search And Rescue Task Force; (C) Expend The FEMA Funds In Accordance With The Preliminary Spending Plan And Government Pricing Schedules Without Further Council Approval; And (2) Waiving The City's Advertising And Competitive Bidding And Purchasing Requirements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this resolution will authorize the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,266,631, needed to maintain implementation of the Urban Search And Rescue (US&R) Response System, Cooperative Agreement through August 31, 2023, which includes providing training for members of the US&R team, the purchase and maintenance of equipment, lease of storage and office facility, salaries for personnel required for program management. In addition, this resolution authorizes a contribution from the General-Purpose Fund (GPF) to cover the Internal Service Fund (ISF) charges associated with this grant.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

There are twenty-eight (28) FEMA US&R Task Forces in the United States, with eight (8) in California. The City of Oakland is the Sponsoring Agency for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) US&R Task Force, California Task Force 4 (CA-TF4). The Oakland Fire Department Task Force has agreements with fifteen (15) participating fire agencies from the Bay Area that provide Task Force personnel and support the training and responses of the Oakland Task Force. Federal funds are provided to sponsoring agencies to support a US&R Response System that provides for the coordination, development, and maintenance, of the effort to locate, extricate, and provide immediate medical treatment to victims trapped in collapsed structures, and to conduct other lifesaving operations.

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In addition to the Federal funding, The State of California supports the eight (8) California US&R Task Forces with funding through the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority (CFRTA) that facilitates Mobilization Exercises and conducts other pertinent trainings, in preparation for response to disasters such as earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, and terrorist attacks.

Since the Loma Prieta Earthquake in October of 1989, the City of Oakland Fire Department has taken an active role in preparing for an US&R response. In 1991, FEMA sponsored 25 National US&R Task Forces and Oakland CA-TF4 has been a part of the National Response System since the inception.

Council has approved similar agreements each year since 1991. Last year, Council approved the agreement (Resolution No. 87936 C.M.S.) for a grant in the amount of \$1,235,104.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

When procurement is necessary, the FEMA program grant requires the City to purchase equipment from various Federal General Service Administration Agency (GSA) and/or other Governmental Purchasing Schedules to maintain consistency in training and equipment among the jurisdictions participating in the state and national US&R Teams. Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) Section 2.04.050.I.5 authorizes the City Council to waive City bid procedures upon determining that it is in the best interest of the City to do so. Staff finds that it is in the City's best interest to waive the City's advertising and bid requirement based on the aforementioned government purchasing requirement, and recommends that the City Administrator be authorized to award the contracts for goods, not to exceed the amount of the grant, without return to Council since these are government cooperative purchases, with vendors selected from government established vendor lists, and it would expedite the purchasing process.

As the Sponsoring Agency, US&R CA-TF4 provides training, including to agencies that do not Participate in US&R CA-TF4, to ensure that they are prepared and well trained to respond to emergencies alongside and in support of US&R CA-TF4. Approval of this resolution would continue to allow US&R CA-TF4 to collect fees for these trainings, and to deposit the revenue into the account specified for this award. Charges to participants will be based upon the actual cost incurred by the US&R CA-TF4 (i.e. staff time and materials) to deliver the training.

The project supports up to five (5.0) full time equivalent (FTE) staff, which includes:

- One (1.0) FTE Program Coordinator to oversee the US&R Task Force;
- One (1.0) FTE Warehouse Specialist to supervise the storage and tracking of US&R equipment;
- One (1.0) FTE Administrative Assistant I; and
- One and one half (2.0) FTE Student Interns, Part-Time.

This grant has and will continue to have a positive impact for the City of Oakland. The members of the Task Force are members of OFD and other Participating Fire Agencies, will receive training for response to man-made and natural disasters. The training provides knowledge,

skills, and abilities to a network of local first responders, so they can perform search and rescue operations, victim extrication, wide area search and patient treatment to reduce loss of life as the result of emergency incidents in the City and region.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will authorize the acceptance and appropriation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,266,631. The fiscal impact to the City would be a GPF contribution for ISF charges associated with the FY 2020 US&R Grant for FY 2020-23, and to continue to provide a GPF contribution equivalent to the ISF charges for the duration of the grant period.

This contribution is necessary because FEMA representatives have informed staff that these charges are not payable by this grant because the US&R program is not located in a building owned or maintained by the City of Oakland, its vehicles and other assets are owed by the federal government and are not serviced by the City of Oakland staff. The ISF does provide some services to the US&R Task Force, hence the charge, but as stated previously, FEMA has advised staff that these charges may not be paid by the grant; therefore, a GPF contribution is requested to cover these charges.

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION/COST OF PROJECT:
Cooperative Agreement Amount: \$1,266,631
Performance Period: September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2023
2. SOURCE OF FUNDING: FEMA Cooperative Agreement
3. COST ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT/CONTRACT:

Cost Category	Description	Amount
Administration and Management	Management of office and staff salaries	\$419,009
Storage and Maintenance	Lease and maintenance of warehouse space	\$275,189
Equipment	Tools, supplies and equipment as required by FEMA	\$175,394
Training	Continuing and new education to maintain readiness of staff and responders	\$397,039
	TOTAL	\$1,266,631

Revenue received from this grant, as well as reimbursement for training courses hosted by US&R CA-TF4, shall be deposited into the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fund (2124), Special Operation Division (20815), the Miscellaneous Grants Revenue account (46129), 2020 US&R Grant Project (1004649), Award (23540), and in various accounts to be determined.

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PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No public outreach was deemed necessary for this report other than posting on the City's website.

COORDINATION

The Office of the City Attorney and the Budget Bureau were consulted in the preparation of this report and resolution

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Acceptance of this grant will allow for the rental of warehouse space and the purchase and maintenance of equipment, which will contribute to the local economy. There are up to five (5.0) full-time equivalent positions in the City of Oakland paid through this grant.

Environmental: There are no environmental impacts associated with this action because the facility will be used for the storage and maintenance of technical rescue equipment.

Race & Equity: The city of Oakland is in an active earthquake fault zone. When a major earthquake occurs, it has the potential to have an especially detrimental impact on Oakland's most vulnerable and underserved populations, who may be already be unsheltered or residing in substandard conditions. In the event of a catastrophic incident, homeless and impoverished Oaklanders will benefit immensely from the unique skillset and training that is available through the FEMA US&R Task Force.

ACTION REQUESTED OF CITY COUNCIL

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Respectfully submitted,



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