



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION: (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO: (A) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO ACCEPT THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTY SIX CENTS (\$206,564.36) TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECT PERIOD STARTING JULY 6, 2020 AND ENDING JULY 5, 2021; (B) APPROPRIATE AND ADMINISTER SAID FUNDS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; (C) EXPEND ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAMS/POLICIES; AND (2) ALLOCATING MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SIX DOLLARS AND FORTY FOUR CENTS (\$20,656.44).**

**WHEREAS**, on July 7, 2020, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) was notified that its application for FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) Funds was successful and that the Department would be awarded two hundred six thousand five hundred and sixty-four dollars and thirty six cents (\$206,564.36) to purchase equipment and other necessary resources, and to reimburse costly expenditures by the Fire Department for items such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) are a tremendous asset to the Oakland Fire Department and provide direct financial assistance to obtain critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations the Department's efficiencies, and support community resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2001, FEMA's AFG program has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Fire Department has a successful record of applying for and being awarded these AFG grants. For over a decade, the City Council has adopted resolutions authorizing the City Administrator to enter into agreements with U.S. Department Of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to accept, appropriate, and administer Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program funds for the acquisition of equipment, supplies, wellness program services, and vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland was operating under financial distress prior to the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, and the city's fiscal situation, like most cities around the country, has only worsened during the COVID-19 public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, concurrently, the Fire Department experienced a sharp increase in PPE costs associated with properly outfitting OFD personnel, spending over \$300,000 in the first three months of 2020, with costs not expected to diminish in the coming months or years; and

**WHEREAS**, the equipment purchased by the Fire Department, which included isolation gowns, gloves, respirators, eye protectors, and hand sanitizer, is being used daily in the fire station and in the community by personnel to prevent the spread of infection; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of this grant, the City of Oakland is required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than ten percent (10%) of the Federal funds awarded, or twenty thousand six hundred fifty-six dollars and forty-four cents (\$20,656.44), for a total approved budget of \$227,220.80, and matching funds shall be drawn from the Department's current General Funds (Fund 1010); and

**WHEREAS**, by accepting and administering these Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) funds, the Fire Department will be reimbursed for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment and related supplies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus; and now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator or designee to enter into a grant agreement to accept Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (FY 2020 AFG funds)- COVID 19 Supplemental (AFG-S) funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of two hundred six thousand five hundred sixty four dollars and thirty six cents (\$206,564.36); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator or designee to accept, appropriate, and administer said FY 2020 AFG funds for the Fire Department; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator or designee to expend said FY 2020 AFG funds in accordance with the City's purchasing requirements and programs/policies for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment and related supplies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council authorizes the use of general funds for grant matching requirements in the amount of twenty thousand six hundred fifty-six dollars and forty-four cents (\$20,656.44); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all of said FY 2020 AFG funds shall be used to reimburse the Fire Department following costly expenditures for items such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California

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