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CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah A. Edgerly
FROM: Fire Department
DATE: January 23, 2007

RE: **A Report and Resolution to Accept and Appropriate a Grant for Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the period January 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007 (Federal FY 2005 and FY 2006) From the State of California's Homeland Security Grant Program for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Enhancement and Citizen Corps Council Projects, awarded and Administered by the Alameda County Operational Area to the Oakland Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the City of Oakland's Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) Program and, if CERT Grant Funding is Increased, Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept and Appropriate Additional Funds Without Return to Council**

SUMMARY

Staff is requesting that the Oakland City Council approve a resolution to accept and appropriate \$35,000 from the State of California's Homeland Security grant program which has been awarded by the Alameda County Operational Area to the Oakland Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services (OES) for enhancements to the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, known as Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE) for the period January 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007, Federal Fiscal Years FY 2005 and FY 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant does not require matching funds from the City. Expenses are paid by the City and then reimbursed by the grant. Funds are available in OES's operating budget to support the projects described herein.

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The proposed resolution authorizes appropriation of \$35,000 in State Homeland Security grant funds, administered by Alameda County, to the Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services (Fund 2160, Organization 20711, Project Number to be assigned.)

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 response to disasters.

As a result, the President of the United States launched a national Citizens Corps initiative in 2002. This initiative covers a number of different programs, including Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

Operating under guidance from the Office of Domestic Preparedness, which is a branch of the federal Department of Homeland Security, in the State of California's Office of Homeland Security currently administers the Citizens Corps 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 CERT funding to their eligible jurisdictions.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Federal Department of Homeland Security is providing Citizens Corps grants to States for federal Fiscal Year 2005 and 2006.

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). A majority of the grant funding will be used to enhance the CORE program by producing a new on-line and video based Individual and Family Preparedness Training program in English and Spanish. The Fire Department OES unit is working with the Equal Access Office to secure funds to prepare a Chinese language version of the on-line training and video.

In April 2004, Oakland's Emergency Management Board agreed to function as the City's Citizens Corps Council in order for Oakland to remain eligible for some portion of these federal funds.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In an effort to reach a wider community audience in Oakland, the Oakland Fire Department, OES has developed a CORE companion that will be used to increase the number of trained residents and community members in Individual and Family Preparedness. OES staff developed a proposal for a grant funding request to Alameda County OES to obtain CERT grant funds to subsidize the cost to develop an on-line training course and a video for the Oakland community that will be available at no cost.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: In emergencies, CORE neighborhood 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. This initiative will help speed up economic recovery.

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

Social Equity: CORE teams promote an increase in community preparedness and safety. A neighborhood that is informed of and trained in the principles of CORE can keep the community safer. Specifically, funds from this grant will be used to create on-line training and videos in English and Spanish.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

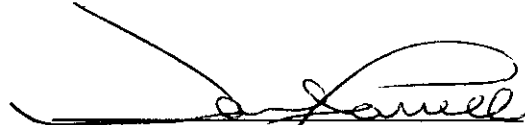
The CORE program is inclusive of all citizens and training program. CORE support training specifically for persons with disabilities and also supports the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable laws.

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the report and approve the accompanying resolution authorizing the City Administrator or designee to accept the grant in the amount of \$35,000, accept any additional funds, if they become available, and appropriate these funds to the Fire Department's, Office of Emergency Services (OES).

City Council's acceptance and approval will allow OES to receive funding for enhancements to the CORE program and to programs sponsored through its Emergency Management Board, for Federal Fiscal years 2005 and 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:



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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO: ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT FOR THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2006 TO OCTOBER 31, 2007 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2005 AND FISCAL YEAR 2006, FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) ENHANCEMENT AND CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL PROJECTS, AWARDED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) FOR THE CITIZENS OF OAKLAND RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES (CORE) PROGRAM, AND, IF CERT GRANT FUNDING IS INCREASED, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL CERT GRANT FUNDS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE WITHOUT RETURN TO COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and the Oakland 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 City of Oakland and the Oakland City Council are committed to improving local government's emergency preparedness through ongoing support of its Emergency Management Board, which is Oakland's Disaster Council as prescribed by the California Emergency Services Act; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States established a Citizen Corps program to assist individual states with the development of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Citizen Corps Councils; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Domestic Preparedness, a branch of the federal Department of Homeland Security, provides states Homeland Security grants to fund a range of domestic preparedness initiatives, including the Citizens Corps program; and

WHEREAS, through the State of California's Homeland Security grant program, the State has allowed local jurisdictions to tailor Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs to meet the specific needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Operational Area is awarding and administering the grant to Alameda County jurisdictions for their local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs for the period January 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is called the Citizens of Oakland's Respond to Emergencies (CORE) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Office of Emergency Services has been awarded a grant totaling \$35,000.00 to support its CERT program; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 from the State of California's Homeland Security Grant Program to the Alameda County Grant Fund (2160) for the Oakland Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services (Organization 20711), with a Project Number to be assigned; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in the event that the Alameda County Operational Area obtains additional grant funds, the Oakland City Council authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate any additional grant funds received for the stated purpose of the grant without return to Council; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby appoints the City Administrator, or her authorized representative, as its agent to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests, that may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California