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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Darin White
Fire Chief

SUBJECT: 2018 Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA)
Assistance to Firefighters Grant

DATE: February 7, 2020

City Administrator Approval

Date:

2/13/2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator, Or Designee, To:

- 1) 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) Funds In The Amount Of Seventy-Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$74,546.00) With Matching City Of Oakland Funds In The Amount Of Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Four (\$7,454.00) To Purchase Equipment And Other Necessary Resources For The Project Period Starting September 3, 2019 And Ending September 2, 2020;**
- 2) Appropriate And Administer Said Funds; And**
- 3) Expend AFG Funds In Accordance With The City's Purchasing Requirements And Programs/Policies.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) are a tremendous asset to the Oakland Fire Department. These grants 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.

In October of 2018, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) applied for and was awarded (on August 29, 2019) an AFG grant in the amount of seventy-four thousand five hundred forty-six dollars (\$74,546.00). The grant is intended to fund the purchase of a new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) fixed fill station and to make upgrades to our existing mobile fill station.

Finance & Management Committee
February 25, 2020

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

By accepting and administering these FEMA funds, OFD will be purchasing and replacing OFD's current 2005 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) fill station. This is essential and necessary to remain in compliance with National Firefighter Protection Association (NFA) 1989, 1500 and 1404 regulations as well as the Code of Federal Regulations 1910.134.

Within the past year, the department invested approximately twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to maintain and repair our antiquated fixed fill station and approximately ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) on our mobile fill station simply to keep them operational. Previously, during the repairs, Oakland Fire Department required the use of neighboring fire departments to assist us with filling our SCBA cylinders. This was not efficient and required additional logistical coordination that will no longer be necessary once this agreement is formalized and said funds are administered. There is no foreseen downside to this strategy, and in the immediate term, the AFG grant will ensure the department has the operational equipment to support every OFD firefighter currently in the field.

To remain in compliance with grant requirements, FEMA stipulates that all equipment must be purchased by the Department within the grant's funding period of which concludes on September 2, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

As a condition of this grant, the City of Oakland is required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than 10.00 percent of the Federal funds awarded, or \$ 7,454.55 for a total approved budget of \$ 82,000.00. Matching funds shall be drawn from the Department's current General Funds (Fund 1010).

SOURCES OF FUNDING:

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's Firefighters Grant - \$74,546.00
- City of Oakland 10% match: \$7,454.00

PERFORMANCE PERIOD: September 3, 2020 to September 2, 2020.

There are no personnel costs associated with this grant, only equipment costs.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

No outreach was deemed necessary for the proposed policy action beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures.

COORDINATION

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

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Acceptance of this grant will provide relief to the general fund by providing alternative funding to replace the current fixed SCBA fill station and to upgrade current mobile SCBA fill station.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities or direct impacts associated with this report.

Race and Equity: Acceptance of this grant supports Oakland firefighters in their daily mission to protect lives and property throughout the community by ensuring access to this critical equipment.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Administrator, or designee, to enter into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to accept the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funds in the amount of seventy-four thousand five hundred forty-six dollars (\$74,546.00) with matching City of Oakland funds in the amount of seven thousand four hundred fifty four dollars (\$7,454.00) to purchase equipment and other necessary resources; appropriate and administer said funds; and expend AFG funds in accordance with the City's purchasing requirements and programs/policies.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Deputy Chief Melinda Drayton, at (510) 238-4053.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO: (1) 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) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$74,546.00) WITH MATCHING CITY OF OAKLAND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR (\$7,454.00) TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY RESOURCES FOR THE PROJECT PERIOD STARTING SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 2020; (2) APPROPRIATE AND ADMINISTER SAID FUNDS; AND (3) EXPEND AFG FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAMS/POLICIES.

WHEREAS, On August 29, 2019, the Oakland Fire Department was awarded a 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of seventy-four thousand five hundred forty-six dollars (\$74,546.00); and

WHEREAS, the grant is intended to fund the purchase of a new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) fixed fill station and to make upgrades to the department's existing mobile fill station; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, the AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders nationwide 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, replacement of the Department's 2005 SCBA fill station is essential and necessary to maintain compliance with the National Firefighter Protection Association (NFFPA) 1989, 1500 and 1404 regulations as well as the Code of Federal Regulations 1910.134; and

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WHEREAS, within the past year, the Department invested approximately twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to maintain and repair an antiquated fixed fill station and approximately ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) on a mobile fill station simply to keep them operational; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the Department has had ongoing operational interruptions during periods of SBCA repairs, requiring dependency on neighboring fire departments to assist with filling SCBA cylinders; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that acceptance of the AFG grant will ensure that the Oakland Fire Department has the operational equipment to support every Department firefighter currently in the field; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator, or her designee, to enter into a grant agreement with the federal emergency management agency (FEMA) to accept Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funds in the amount of seventy-four thousand five hundred forty-six dollars (\$74,546.00); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council authorizes the appropriation of said grant funds; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council authorizes the use of general funds for grant matching requirements in the amount of seven thousand four hundred fifty four (\$7,454.00) to purchase equipment and other necessary resources; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to administer said AFG funds, and expend funds to purchase equipment, in accordance with the City's purchasing requirements and programs/policies.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California