

CITY OF OAKLAND
Agenda Report

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Oakland Fire Department
DATE: November 8, 2005

Subject: **A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Accept And Appropriate Thirty - Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars And Twenty-Eight Cents (\$35,978.28) From The State Of California Office Of Emergency Services To Reimburse The City For Training And Equipment Costs Incurred By The Oakland Fire Department Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) Team For A Mobilization Exercise**

SUMMARY

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been the funding source for 28 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams nationwide since the program's inception in 1990. During this period, the Oakland Fire Department has sponsored California Task Force 4 (CATF-4) under the authority of the State of California, Office of Emergency Service. CA TF4 has been given a check for \$35,978.28 from the State, through the County of Sacramento, to reimburse CATF4 for expenses incurred during our annual mobilization drill. No matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT

The \$35,978.28 check will reimburse CATF4 for expenses incurred during our annual mobilization drill, in accordance with FEMA grant guidelines. No matching funds are required.

The funds should be deposited into the California State Emergency Services Fund (#2146), account number 46229, project to be determined, and the special operation program number PS18. The appropriation should be in the same fund, project, and program. The account numbers will be the actual expenditure accounts.

For security reasons, FEMA requests that we do not disclose specific details with regard to the amount and types of equipment purchased.

BACKGROUND

Since the World Trade Center disaster on September 11, 2001, Congress has taken the National USAR program funding it to a higher level. The 28 teams have broadened their mission capabilities from the handling of natural disasters (i.e. flood, earthquakes, etc.) to include weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and terrorist incidents.

CATF-4 is 1 of 8 California and 28 national USAR Teams. The Oakland USAR Team will be used as a local asset in the event of a local natural disaster, accident or terrorist attack. If the team is needed in Oakland or surrounding communities, it will respond to local needs first. CATF-4 would be taken out of consideration for national deployment if it was needed locally.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Unless Oakland's USAR team continues to equip and train as per FEMA guidelines they will not be a part of FEMA's national system and will lose federal government funding. As USAR teams are first and foremost local assets, we would have a limited ability to respond to WMD and/or natural disaster incidents in Oakland or other local jurisdictions. There is a great deal of equipment to be purchased to bring the cache up to a full compliment. The current value of the entire cache is in excess of \$3.5 million. On occasion FEMA grant guidelines require that we use their purchasing process so it is also recommended that the City Administrator be authorized to make these purchases when necessary using the federal competitive bid process and without returning to Council.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the FEMA USAR Preparedness Grant is to afford each National Urban Search and Rescue Task Force the opportunity to raise its standard and condition of operational readiness as an available FEMA and local resource. This check supports this mission. CATF-4 has been authorized by FEMA to use these reimbursement monies in the following manner:

Training delivery (as required by FEMA)

- FEMA specifies particular training that must be delivered to either the entire 210 member team or members in specific job classifications.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The Task Force will use all means possible to purchase this equipment from local vendors.

Environmental: No environmental opportunities have been identified.

Social Equity: No sustainable opportunities were identified.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The Task Force will be better prepared to respond to the City of Oakland's needs in a time of emergency. Many lives will be saved by the team's rapid response with sophisticated equipment to detect and extricate victims, especially those who would have difficulty performing "self rescue" in times of disaster.


RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Administrator be authorized to accept funds from the County of Sacramento in the amount of thirty five thousand nine hundred seventy eight dollars and twenty 28 cents (\$35,978.28) to reimburse the City's CATF4 team for expenses incurred during the City's annual mobilization drill and to help meet the continued expenses of the Oakland Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team as they equip and train to respond to natural or man made disasters.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPROVED FOR FORWARDING
TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE


OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY- EIGHT CENTS (\$35,978.28) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT COSTS INCURRED BY THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (USAR) TEAM FOR A MOBILIZATION EXERCISE

WHEREAS, the Oakland Fire Department is the Sponsoring Agency for California Task Force 4 (CA TF4) Urban Search and Rescue (USAR); and

WHEREAS, CA TF4 is one of 8 California and 28 national USAR teams; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is the federal management agency; and

WHEREAS, FEMA supports all 28 USAR teams with federal grants; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Office of Emergency Service is the agency under whose authority CATF4 operates within the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Office of Emergency Service has a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Sacramento and FEMA Urban Search and Rescue; and

WHEREAS, CA TF4 has been issued \$35,978.28 from the County of Sacramento to reimburse CATF4 for expenses incurred during the City's annual mobilization drill; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council, hereby authorizes the City Administrator to accept \$35,978.28 from the County of Sacramento to reimburse the City (CATF4) for expenses incurred during the annual CATF4 mobilization drill and to meet the continued expenses of the Oakland Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team as they equip and train to respond to natural disasters or weapons of mass destruction; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the funds shall be appropriated and deposited into the California State Emergency Services Fund (#2146), account number 46229, project to be determined, and the special operation program number PS18, and the account numbers will be the actual expenditure accounts; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That when required by FEMA the City Administrator is authorized to make said equipment purchases using the federal competitive bid process without returning to Council providing no additional funds are required.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2005

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL QUAN, RIED AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –