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AGENDA REPORT

TO: DEANNA J. SANTANA
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: TERESA DELOACH REED
FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: US&R Mobilization Exercise

DATE: November 6, 2012

City Administrator
Approval

Deanna Santana

Date

11/12/12

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City Administrator, or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate funds from the State of California Fire and Rescue Training Authority (CFRTA) to the Oakland Fire Department in the amount of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for a scheduled Mobilization Exercise to meet personnel and supply expenses for the training of the Oakland Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Oakland Fire Department is a sponsoring agency for one of 28 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces, which 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. Federal funding is provided to the Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces to support a US&R Response System. Federal funding of the US&R Cooperative Agreement has increased from prior years to provide the FEMA Task Forces with improved capabilities in water operations and in rescues conducted in a contaminated area.

There are 28 FEMA US&R Task Forces in the United States; eight in California. The Oakland Fire Department Task Force has agreements with 15 participating fire agencies from the Bay Area that provide Task Force personnel and support the training and responses of the Oakland Task Force. Every four years, CFRTA provides funding for each of its eight teams to participate in a Mobilization Exercise to demonstrate its ability to mobilize and respond to disasters. The California's Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), as a member agency of CFRTA, has allocated specific funding to CFRTA for the purposes of conducting these mobilization exercises.

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OUTCOME

Approval of this resolution will authorize the acceptance of funding from CFRTA in the amount of \$100,000 to offset the costs of performing a mobilization exercise as required by CalEMA. Exercise budgets may include expenditures for: personnel, expendable or consumable items, transportation of task force personnel, sanitation facilities, fuel, food, potable water, and communications.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Since the Loma Prieta Earthquake in October of 1989, the City of Oakland Fire Department has taken an active role in preparing for a US&R response. In 1991, FEMA sponsored 25 National US&R Task Forces and Oakland CA-Task Force 4 has been a part of the National Response System since the inception. Three additional National Task Forces were added later.

In October of 2009, as authorized in City Council Resolution 82021 C.M.S., the City of Oakland entered into a three party Memorandum of Agreement for Participation in the National Urban Search and Rescue System with FEMA and the State of California.

ANALYSIS

The funding from the CFRTA allows the Oakland Urban Search and Rescue Task Force to conduct a full scale exercise, at no cost to the City of Oakland, which will improve readiness in the event of a local response for an earthquake or other disaster.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

This item did not require any additional public outreach other than the required posting on the City's website.

COORDINATION

The Office of the City Attorney as well as the Budget Office assisted in the coordination of this report. All agreements will be vetted through the office of the City Attorney.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION/COST OF PROJECT: \$100,000

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2. COST ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT/CONTRACT:

The CA-TF 4 proposed Mobilization Exercise budget includes:

- Estimated 175 hours of set/development meeting between all drill stakeholders. Approximate cost: \$12,000
- Staffing for 1¼ days of Mobilization activities, 70 person roster plus overhead positions, and cleanup/rehab crew. Approximate cost: \$112,000
- Miscellaneous expenses for food, water, lumber, bus, fuel, blades and other equipment consumables. Approximate cost: \$9,500
- Staffing for post drill rehab/cleaning, cost recovery, payroll, broken equipment replacement, etc. Approximate cost: \$7,500

TOTAL AGREEMENT/CONTRACT AMOUNT

\$100,000

3. SOURCE OF FUNDING: FY12 FEMA US&R Cooperative Agreement as awarded by the State of California Fire and Training Rescue Authority.
4. FISCAL IMPACT: This project is 100% grant funded; there is no fiscal impact to the City.

Funds shall be deposited into the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fund (2124), Special Operation Division (20815), Special Operation Program (PS18), in various accounts and a project to be determined, and the revenue received from this grant will be deposited to same fund, organization, project, program and the FEMA Grants Revenue account (46130).

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Acceptance of these funds will allow for the purchase, rental, and maintenance of equipment necessary for the exercise, which will be purchased locally when feasible, contributing to the local economy.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities associated with the acceptance of these funds.

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Social Equity: The FEMA US&R Cooperative Agreement provides the City of Oakland Fire Department with access to training and equipment that is specific for Technical Rescues, Structure Collapse, and Disaster Response, a significant enhancement of the local capabilities in the event of a local incident, such as an earthquake.

For questions concerning this report, please contact Robert Lipp, Battalion Chief, at (510) 615-5872.

Respectfully submitted,



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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HER DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING AUTHORITY (CFRTA) TO THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FOR A SCHEDULED MOBILIZATION EXERCISE TO MEET PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY EXPENSES FOR THE TRAINING OF THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT'S URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) TEAM

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

WHEREAS, CA-TF4 is one of eight California and 28 National US&R teams; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Fire and Rescue Training Authority (CFRTA), is the Joint Powers Authority with California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) that oversees training requirements for US&R Teams; and

WHEREAS, CFRTA supports all eight California US&R teams with State Joint Powers agreement funds; and

WHEREAS, CA-TF4 is eligible to apply for Training Funding for a Mobilization Exercise in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for personnel and supplies costs, to improve our readiness; and

WHEREAS, this Task Force is available to the City of Oakland in the event of a disaster within the City or surrounding communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council, hereby authorizes the City Administrator to apply for, accept, and appropriate funds from an agreement with the State of California Fire and Rescue Training Authority for a Mobilization Exercise in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to meet the personnel and supply expenses for the training of the Oakland Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force, as they train to respond to natural disasters or weapons of mass destruction incidents; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said funds should be deposited into the State of California Other Fund (2159), Special Operation – US&R Division Organization (20815), Miscellaneous State Grants Account (46229), and Special Operation Program (PS18) and a project number to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That all contracts issued hereunder shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality and copies shall be placed in file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, BRUNNER and PRESIDENT REID

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California