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AGENDA REPORT

TO: FRED BLACKWELL
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Teresa DeLoach Reed
FIRE CHIEF

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

DATE: April 15, 2014

City Administrator
Approval

Date

4-29-14

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or his designee to enter into an agreement with U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to accept, appropriate, and administer Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program for the period of one year from award date in the amount of \$273,904 with matching City of Oakland funds in the amount of \$27,390 to pay for exercise equipment, and associated services and taxes, to be used by members of the Fire Department to enhance their ability to remain fit for duty.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to be fit for duty, firefighters must be physically and psychologically prepared to endure the demands of the profession. A major component of being fit for duty is being physically fit. These grant funds will allow the City to purchase new exercise equipment to ensure the members of the Oakland Fire Department maintain a high level of fitness to mitigate the emergencies of the citizens, employees and visitors of the City of Oakland. Additionally, these funds will be used to train OFD personnel as peer trainers, as well as to develop an interactive website to help firefighters achieve their personal health and fitness goals.

OUTCOME

Acceptance of these grant funds will allow the Fire Department to purchase treadmills, barbells with bumper weights, kettle bells, and rowers for all 25 Oakland fire stations.

Item: _____
Public Safety Committee
May 13, 2014

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is designed to improve the emergency response system of fire departments throughout the country. Grant proceeds can be used for a variety of emergency preparedness programs such as training and recruiting new hires as well as for the purchase of new equipment, protective gear and emergency vehicles.¹

The Council has approved the acceptance of previous grants under the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant program, including Resolution No. 83757 dated March 20, 2012 for the purchase of a new fire truck, and Resolution No. 83997 dated July 17, 2012 for the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment.

ANALYSIS

The International Association of Fire Chiefs, IAFF and 10 local union-municipality pairs joined together to form the Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness-Fitness Task Force. The Task Force has dedicated itself to developing a holistic, positive rehabilitating and educational approach to wellness and fitness programs in the fire service. The goal of the Wellness-Fitness Initiative grant is to create to a positive, individualized wellness-fitness program for municipal fire departments. Acceptance of this grant will assist in moving the organization toward the goal of establishing a wellness and fitness program.

COORDINATION

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

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

This should include:

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION
Grant Amount: \$273,904
Performance Period: one year from date of award

2. COST INCURRED BY City of Oakland
\$27,390 dollars or ten percent of the total grant

¹ US Department of Homeland Security

3. SOURCE OF FUNDING: FEMA AFG GRANT

FISCAL IMPACT: This grant requires a 10% match from the City of Oakland. Matching funds shall be drawn from OFD's current General Funds (1010), Support Services (20816), Tool (52914). Grant funds shall be deposited into FEMA (2124), Emergency/Suppression (20411), in a project to be determined.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Acceptance of this grant will potentially provide relief to the general fund by reducing the number of firefighter illnesses and injuries.

Environmental: There are no environmental opportunities.

Social Equity: Acceptance of this grant will help ensure Oakland firefighters have access to exercise equipment to help them remain in top physical condition to carry out the performance of duty, thereby enhancing the Department's ability to provide public safety services to the residents and visitors of Oakland.

For questions concerning this report, please contact Battalion Chief Melinda Drayton at (510) 238- 4042.

Respectfully submitted,



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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT 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 PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM AWARD DATE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FOUR DOLLARS (\$273,904) WITH MATCHING CITY OF OAKLAND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY DOLLARS (\$27,390) TO PAY FOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES AND TAXES, TO BE USED BY MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ENHANCE THEIR ABILITY TO REMAIN FIT FOR DUTY

WHEREAS, the purpose of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program will award the Oakland Fire Department the total sum of \$273,904 the cost associated with a firefighting wellness and fitness program; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to provide the Oakland Fire Department with Peer Fitness Trainers, Equipment, and fund associated taxes not exceeding the sum of \$273,904; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland will contribute 10% of in matching funds totaling \$27,390; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to accept, appropriate, and administer grant funds from Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the period of one year from award date in the amount of two hundred thousand nine hundred and four dollars with matching City of Oakland funds in the amount of twenty seven thousand three hundred and ninety dollars (\$27,390) for the for the purchase of exercise equipment, services, and associated taxes for the Fire Department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That matching funds shall be drawn from OFD's current General Funds (1010), Support Services (20816), Tool (52914). Grant funds shall be deposited into FEMA (2124), Emergency/Suppression (20411), in a project to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend this agreement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Attorney shall review and approve said agreement as to form and legality and copies of said agreement shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

BROOKS, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, MCELHANEY, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

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

California