


City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO: (1) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACCEPT 2019-2020 PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS) RESILIENCY GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000); (2) APPROPRIATE AND ADMINISTER SAID GRANT FUNDS; AND (3) EXPEND SAID GRANT FUNDS TO PURCHASE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND RELATED SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT CITY RESILIENCY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, in October 2019, PG&E announced that due to the fire risk posed by extreme weather conditions in the forecast, it would proactively turn off power and implement a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) across more than 30 Northern California counties, including Oakland and parts of Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, the preemptive power shutoffs were an attempt by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) to prevent wildfires from being started by electrical equipment during strong and dry winds; and

WHEREAS, before, during, and after the PSPS events, it was apparent that Oakland and cities across the state lacked critical equipment, plans, public education materials, and supplies focused on individual and family preparedness for electric disruptions; and

WHEREAS, to support cities around the state, California's Office of Emergency Services announced on October 25, 2019 that it would begin offering grants of up to \$500,000 to help jurisdictions prepare for and respond to future Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2019, the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) applied for and was awarded on December 3, 2019 a State of California Office of Emergency Services 2019-20 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation to Cities Grant in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); and

WHEREAS, the grant is intended to fund the purchase of communication systems and related supplies and support City resiliency programs; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the is to provide direct financial assistance to better prepare and respond to future PSPS events and provide services to Oakland residents at higher risk for distress and other adverse consequences as a result of PSPS, specifically individuals with access and functional needs, medical baseline and socially vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland estimates to have spent approximately 8,448 hours of staff time on PSPS events, which included six 12-hour operational periods or the City's Emergency Operations Center and PSPS event pre-planning, coordination, and after-actions for forty (40) staff positions. The estimate also includes the PSPS field activity, which included monitoring traffic signals at major intersections, increasing public safety patrols, and identifying damage to critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, prior to submitting grant application materials, the Oakland Fire Department and the City's Chief Resilience Officer reached out to several City departments in order to balance material needs and programming priorities within the \$500,000 allocation; and

WHEREAS, by accepting and administering these grant funds, the City of Oakland proposes to take the following actions:

- Procure solar-powered and energy-efficient mobile electricity generators and backup power systems to support critical infrastructure, such as Fire Stations, impacted by PSPS (\$165,000);
- Procure services to assess city-owned critical facilities (including evaluation of energy demand, building ventilation, and shelter capacity) to support the expansion of resilience hubs (\$125,000);
- Expand Neighbors Helping Neighbors community preparedness program for vulnerable populations (\$100,000);
- Procure supplies to improve communication during PSPS such as signage and radios (\$75,000);
- Procure supplies to improve the overall operations at the Emergency Operations Center (\$35,000); and now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That acceptance of the PSPS grant and the procurement of these items is essential and necessary to respond in a more coordinated manner among City staff, while conducting outreach to vulnerable communities, and ensuring the City has the needed infrastructure and materials to support Oakland residents in the event of an even greater crisis than experienced in 2019, such as a large fire or longer power outage; and be it

RESOLVED: That the PSPS grant funds will be deposited in the State of California Other Fund (2159); Emergency Services Organization (20711); Project (TBD); Office of Emergency Services/Homeland Security Program (PS21); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator, or designee, to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California to accept 2019-20 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Grant funds in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or designee is hereby authorized to accept, appropriate, and administer said PSPS funds, and expend funds to purchase supplies and equipment, in accordance with the City's purchasing guidelines/policies; 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.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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