



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 19, 2020

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED AGENTS FOR FILING APPLICATIONS AND REQUESTING RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER CALIFORNIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT FOR THREE YEARS - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Adopt a Resolution establishing the authorized agents of the City of Riverside for filing applications and requesting release of funds for federal assistance from Federal Emergency Management Agency, the California Office of Emergency Services, and State Financial Assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act for three (3) years for the purpose of obtaining certain federal and state financial assistance for disaster recovery and authorize designated agents to apply for Disaster Recovery Public Assistance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Emergency Services Administrator to file applications and request the release of funds for federal assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the California Office of Emergency Services, and State Financial Assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act on behalf of the City of Riverside for three (3) years for the purpose of obtaining certain federal and state financial assistance for disaster recovery;
2. Authorize submittal of applications by the designated authorized agents to the California Office of Emergency Services for all matters pertaining to such state and federal disaster assistance, and the assurances and agreements required for Disaster Recovery Public Assistance; and
3. Upon receipt of Disaster Recovery Public Assistance funds, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of the assistance and appropriate expenditures in the same amount in a project account to be established by the Finance Department for each qualified disaster recovery activity.

BACKGROUND:

In order to proceed with recently declared disaster DR-4482, ongoing, and future requests for cost recovery from California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the City must re-designate the titles of the City's Authorized Agents. California requires the City to re-designate every three (3) years. The Authorized Agents serve to execute, for and on behalf of the City, applications to obtain certain federal assistance under P.L. 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and state financial assistance under the California Disaster Act.

DISCUSSION:

The attached Resolution would serve as a recorded file designating the "authorized agent" to execute the applications for the cost recovery agreements between the City and CalOES or FEMA. This recorded file is required to receive cost recovery for current and future disasters.

CalOES allows for a universal designation for any disaster during the time period, which allows the City to move forward with the application and cost recovery process in a timelier manner. This application and Resolution would empower the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Emergency Services Administrator to execute applications and agreements between the City and CalOES and FEMA when funding is awarded for cost recovery related to these expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the designation of authorized agents on behalf of the City.

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Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. OES Form 130 Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for not-State Agencies
3. OES Form 126 Project Application form for CA Disaster Assistance Act Program
4. OES Form 89 Project Assurances form for Federal Assistance