



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF 2016 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/ FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$46,901 AND \$70,010 FOR A TOTAL OF \$116,911 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept 2016 Urban Search and Rescue supplemental grant funding in the amounts of \$46,901 and \$70,010 for a total of \$116,911 from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency for Urban Search and Rescue Task Force communications equipment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept supplemental grant funding in the amounts of \$46,901 and \$70,010 for a total of \$116,911 from the Department of Homeland Security/ Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue;
2. Authorize increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$46,901 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account as assigned by the Finance Department.
3. Authorize increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$70,010, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account as assigned by the Finance Department; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the necessary documents with the Department of Homeland Security/ Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue

BACKGROUND:

Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) is a “multi-hazard” discipline that may be deployed for a variety of emergencies or disasters, including earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons, storms and

tornadoes, floods, dam failures, technological accidents, terrorist activities, and hazardous materials releases.

The City of Riverside Fire Department is the host agency for Riverside California Task Force 6 (CA-TF6), one of 28 National Task Forces and one of eight in California that respond as either Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or as a California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA) resource during emergencies requiring highly skilled search and rescue personnel. CA-TF6 has performed search and rescue for numerous major disasters, including the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, the mudslide in Oso, Washington, and most recently, Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, and Hurricane Maria.

On August 23, 2016, the City Council approved acceptance of FY 2016 Urban Search and Rescue grant funds in the amount of \$1,269,082 for administration, training, equipment acquisition and maintenance of existing rescue equipment utilized by California Task Force 6 (CA-TF6).

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Homeland Security/FEMA recently notified the City of Riverside that two supplemental grant awards in the amounts of \$46,901 and \$70,010 have been awarded for the re-capitalization of the communications Task Force equipment cache, for a total supplemental award of \$116,911. If accepted by City Council, the supplemental grant funds will be used for communication equipment items such as portable radios, repeaters, hardware and satellite communications systems.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The two 2016 supplemental grant awards in the amounts of \$46,901 and \$70,010 total \$116,911 for Urban Search and Rescue communications equipment needs, and do not require any matching funds.

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