



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 23, 2016

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: All

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2016 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,269,082 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept 2016 Urban Search and Rescue grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$1,269,082, for Urban Search and Rescue Task Force training, equipment and administrative activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept grant funding in the amount of \$1,269,082 from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Urban Search and Rescue;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the necessary documents with the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Urban Search and Rescue; and
3. Authorize increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$1,269,082 and increase expenditures in the same amount to project accounts as assigned by the Finance Department.

BACKGROUND:

Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) is a “multi-hazard” discipline that may be needed 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 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, and Superstorm Sandy.

DISCUSSION:

The Fiscal Year 2016 grant award is \$1,269,082. Grant funds will be used for administration, training, equipment acquisition and maintenance of existing rescue equipment which is utilized by CA-TF6. A portion of the funds will cover the salaries and benefits of 1.0 FTE Fire Captain, 1.0 FTE Battalion Chief, 1.0 FTE General Services Worker and 0.90 FTE Account Clerk II. Due to overlapping grant periods, US&R grants will fund the salaries and benefits of these positions for the entire 2016-2017 fiscal year. Since Fiscal Year 2003-04, Riverside's US&R program has received over \$14 million in grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant award is \$1,269,082, and does not require any matching funds.

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