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# City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JANUARY 22, 2019

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: 2017 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE ADDITIONAL  
FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,507 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

## **ISSUE:**

Accept supplemental grant funding for the 2017 Urban Search and Rescue Grant in the amount of \$17,507 from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency for Urban Search and Rescue Task Force as a supplemental appropriation.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Accept supplemental grant funding in the amount of \$17,507 from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$17,507 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to grant accounts as assigned by the Finance Department; and
3. 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 trained to respond to a variety of natural, technological and man-made emergencies or disasters. The City of Riverside Fire Department’s US&R team is the sponsoring agency for California Task Force 6 (CA-TF6) which is one of twenty-eight National, and one of eight California US&R Task Force teams.

These teams respond as either a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or California Mutual Aid resource during emergencies requiring highly skilled search and rescue personnel. They have previously been deployed to the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, 9/11 terrorist attacks on

the World Trade Center, Hurricane Katrina, Super Storm Sandy, Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria, and most recently Hurricane Lane in Hawaii.

On August 22, 2017, the City Council approved acceptance of FY 2016 Urban Search and Rescue grant funds in the amount of \$1,309,513 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 a supplemental grant award in the amount of \$17,507 has been awarded for the re-capitalization of the communications Task Force equipment cache. 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:**

There is no net fiscal impact to the General Fund. Upon City Council Approval, there will be an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$17,507 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account as assigned by the Finance Department. The 2017 supplemental grant award in the amount of \$17,507 for Urban Search and Rescue communications equipment needs does not require any matching funds.

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#### Attachments:

1. Award Letter