



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA FOR ALL CERT AND LISTOS CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT
AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 –
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$30,000 for the California for All CERT and Listos Capacity Building Grant from the State of California and authorize a supplemental appropriation in an amount equal to the grant award.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$30,000 for the California for All CERT and Listos Capacity Building Grant from the State of California;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the amount awarded, including amounts lesser or greater than the initial amount awarded, to execute all grant documents necessary to complete the transaction including the ability to make minor non-substantive changes; and
3. Authorize an increase in revenue in the Fire Department Grant Revenue account in an amount equal to the grant award and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Fire Department Grant Expenditure Account.

BACKGROUND:

Through legislation in 2019, the State of California appropriated funds for the California for All (CFA) Emergency Preparedness Campaign to bolster statewide disaster resilience. The CFA Emergency Preparedness Campaign empowers community-based organizations to provide emergency preparedness education and focuses on increasing emergency preparedness and resilience for communities and individuals throughout the State.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department submitted an application for funding to expand its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program by an additional 50 volunteers at \$500 per volunteer, the maximum allowed under the grant. Each of these CERT Volunteers will be required to engage 20 Californians in disaster preparedness, which will be accomplished during the variety of community events in which CERT participates throughout the year.

Grant funds are required to be used for volunteer background checks, and to provide safety vests and helmets for each of the 50 volunteers. After the CERT program allocates funds for required items, the remaining grant funding will be used for CERT equipment, participant training, workshops, and instructor training.

Additionally, the Fire Department was awarded \$5,000 to grow its Listos Program, which is a preparedness program tailored to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking communities. This funding will be used for participant training and instructor training.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with this report. The California for All CERT and Listos Capacity Building Grant is 100% reimbursable for approved projects.

Upon approval, an increase in revenue will be made to Fire Department Grant Revenue account 9340200102-33410000 as well as an increase to the Fire Department Grant Expenditure account 9340200102-44021000.

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availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
Approved by: Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. California for All CERT and Listos Capacity Building Grant RFP
2. Grant Memo