



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

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

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR LOS ANGELES SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,260 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$56,260 from the City of Los Angeles Securing the Cities Program Grant; approve the Subrecipient Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside Fire Department and the City of Los Angeles and authorize, upon grant award, a supplemental appropriation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$56,260 from the City of Los Angeles Securing the Cities Program Grant;
2. Approve the Subrecipient Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Riverside Fire Department and the City of Los Angeles for the Securing the Cities Program Grant;
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Subrecipient Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding and, upon grant award, to execute all grant documents necessary to receive the grant funds including acceptance of the grant award and subsequent supplemental grant funding, as well as, making minor non-substantive changes; and
4. Authorize, upon grant award, an increase in the Fire Department Grant Revenue account in the amount of \$56,260 plus an amount of supplemental grant funding, if it should become available, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Fire Department Grant Expenditure account.

BACKGROUND:

The Los Angeles Securing the Cities (LA STC) Program is designed to enhance the nation's ability to detect and prevent a radiological or nuclear attack in cities facing the highest risk. The Los Angeles STC Program is a five-year cooperative grant program with annual funding allocations from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO). Since the grant's beginning, the City of Los Angeles has received over \$24 million dollars in direct funding, procured cutting-edge equipment, and has trained hundreds of first responders in preventative radiological and nuclear detection with a goal of equipping and training at least 4,000 sworn personnel.

In early 2018, the City of Los Angeles contacted Riverside Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) agencies to identify interested parties. In July 2019, the Riverside Fire Department was notified that it had been selected to participate as a subrecipient.

DISCUSSION:

The Los Angeles Securing the Cities Program continues to build out equipment capabilities and train responders in preventative radiological and nuclear detection. The LA STC Program is working with partner agencies, including the Riverside Fire Department, to expand the reach and capabilities of radiological and nuclear detection to enhance regional capabilities to detect, identify, and interdict nuclear materials that are outside of regulatory control. For the LA STC Program, the Riverside Fire Department will receive radiological/nuclear detection equipment, and reimbursement for backfill and/or overtime for equipment training and exercises, for up to 50 participating staff.

Riverside Fire Department staff participating in this program will be issued a personal radiation detector (PRD) to wear in a belt holster while on duty. The PRD features multiple alarm capability in the event of exposure to a radiological/nuclear substance. Staff will be responsible for daily calibration of their PRD, and submitting required data and reports. During this phase of the grant, the City of Los Angeles will incur costs to furnish and maintain the equipment, and perform annual equipment calibration.

The Los Angeles Police Department Real-Time Analysis Critical Response (RACR) Division serves as the Southern California Radiological Intake Center (SCRIC) and is the central location for LA STC agencies to disseminate alarm activation notifications, track regional radiological/nuclear incidents, dispatch and call out secondary screening response teams to adjudicate radiological hits, conduct reachback procedures, and assist partner agencies through the intake process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with this report. The LA STC grant is reimbursable up to the funded amount for backfill and/or overtime for equipment training and exercises for participating Fire Department staff.

Upon grant award, an increase will be made to Fire Department Grant Revenue account 9167000861-33110000 in the amount of \$56,260 plus an amount of supplemental grant funding, if it should become available, and an appropriation will be made in the same amount to the Fire Department Grant Expenditure account 9167000861-411500.

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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. Subrecipient Agreement
2. Memorandum of Understanding