



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

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

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: 2019 NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,339,104
FROM DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY – SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$1,339,104 from the Department of Homeland Security for the 2019 Urban Search and Rescue Response System Cooperative Agreement grant for Urban Search & Rescue Task Force training, equipment and administrative functions 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 \$1,339,104 from the Department of Homeland Security for the 2019 Urban Search and Rescue Response System Cooperative Agreement grant for Urban Search & Rescue Task Force training, equipment and administrative functions;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary documents with the Department of Homeland Security including the ability to make minor non-substantive changes; and
3. Authorize the increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$1,339,104 in the Grants and Restricted Program Fund, 2019 Urban Search and Rescue Response System Cooperative Agreement grant revenue account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Grants and Restricted Program Fund, 2019 Urban Search and Rescue Response System Cooperative Agreement grant expenditure account.

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 (RFD) US&R team is the sponsoring agency for California Task Force 6 (CA-TF6) which is one (1) of 28 National, and one (1) of eight (8) 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.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and FEMA are accountable to provide support and funding for the maintenance and readiness of the US&R program, which is fulfilled through the National US&R Response System Readiness Cooperative Agreement Grant.

For 2019, RFD has been awarded \$1,339,104 through the US&R grant. These funds will be utilized for training, administration, equipment acquisition and maintenance of existing rescue equipment. Additionally, a portion of the grant can be used to fund 1.0 Fire Captain, 1.0 Battalion Chief, and 0.90 of an Account Technician. Due to overlapping grant periods, US&R grants can fund the salaries and benefits of these positions for the entire 2019-2020 fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant award is \$1,339,104 and does not require any matching funds. Upon City Council Authorization, estimated revenue in the amount of the grant award will be increased in USAR 19 revenue account number 9167400-331100 and appropriate expenditures will be increased by the same amount in USAR 19 expenditure account number 9167400-440110.

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Certified as to

Availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

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Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney