



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FUNDING FROM 2018 DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE GRANT FOR URBAN SEARCH AND
RESCUE TASK FORCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,833 – SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Accept supplemental grant funding for the 2018 Urban Search and Rescue Grant in the amount of \$83,833 from the Department of Homeland Security/ Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force and authorize a supplemental appropriation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept supplemental grant funding for the 2018 Urban Search and Rescue Grant in the amount of \$83,833 from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force;
2. Authorize, upon grant approval, an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$83,833 to the Grant and Restricted Programs Fund US&R 2018 Revenue Account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fire Operations US&R 2018 Expenditure Account; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary grant documents with the Department of Homeland Security/ Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue, including the ability to make minor and/or non-substantive changes.

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 (1) of 28 National Task Forces and one (1) of eight (8) in California that responds as either a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or 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, Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria.

On September 25, 2018, City Council accepted the 2018 Urban Search and rescue Response System Cooperative Agreement grant in the amount of \$1,304,490 from the Department of Homeland Security for Urban Search and Rescue Task Force training, equipment and administrative functions.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Homeland Security/FEMA recently notified the City of Riverside Fire Department that a supplemental grant award in the amount of \$83,833 had been awarded for the Urban search and Rescue Task Force. If approved, the grant funds will be used for approved items outlined by FEMA, which is utilized by the Riverside TF-6.

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 \$83,833 to the US&R 2018 Federal Operating Grant Account 9163700-331100 and an increase in appropriate expenditures in the same amount to US&R 2018 Expenditure Account 9163700 – 426700. The total supplemental grant award is \$83,833 and does not require any matching funds.

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