



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2020

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,256,071
FOR 2020 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY-
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

ISSUES:

Approve the acceptance of the 2020 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System Cooperative Agreement grant in the amount of \$1,256,071 and any subsequent amendments for additional funding to this Cooperative Agreement from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for Urban Search & Rescue Task Force training, equipment and administrative functions and authorize a supplemental appropriation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of the 2020 Urban Search and Rescue Response System Cooperative Agreement grant in the amount of \$1,256,071 and any subsequent amendments for additional funding to this Cooperative Agreement from the Department of Homeland Security;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary documents with the Department of Homeland Security including the ability to make non-substantial changes; and
3. Authorize the increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$1,256,071 to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund 2020 USAR Revenue Account and increase expenditures in the same amount to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund 2020 USAR 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 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, Maria, Florence, Michael, Lane most recently Hurricane Dorian.

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 Urban Search & Rescue Response System Readiness Cooperative Agreement Grant.

For 2020, Riverside Fire Department has been awarded \$1,256,071 through the US&R grant. These funds will be utilized for training, administration, equipment acquisition and maintenance of existing rescue equipment. In addition, a portion of the grant will be used to continue funding for 1.0 FTE Fire Captain, 1.0 FTE Battalion Chief, 1.0 FTE Inventory Control Specialist and 0.90 FTE Account Technician. Due to overlapping grant periods, US&R grants can fund the salaries and benefits of these positions for the entire 2020-2021 fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total Fiscal Impact is the grant award of \$1,256,071 with anticipated amendments for additional funding and does not require any matching funds. Upon approval, an increase in revenue will be made to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund 2020 USAR Account 9170700-331100 in the total grant amount and an increase will also be made to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund 2020 USAR Account 9170700-411500.

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Certified as to

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: USR Grant Award Letter