



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2020

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: 2019 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY / FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE ADDITIONAL
FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,464 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the acceptance of the 2019 Urban Search and Rescue supplemental grant funding in the amount of \$13,464 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Urban Search and Rescue Task Force communications equipment and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of the 2019 Urban Search and Rescue supplemental grant funding in the amount of \$13,464 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Urban Search and Rescue Task Force communications equipment;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary grant documents with the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Urban Search and Rescue; and
3. Authorize the increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$13,464 in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, 2019 USAR Fire Department revenue account and appropriate expenditures in the same to the 2019 USAR Fire Department expenditure account.

BACKGROUND:

On October 22, 2019, the City Council approved acceptance of FY 2019 Urban Search and Rescue grant funds in the amount of \$1,339,104 for administration, training, equipment acquisition and maintenance of existing rescue equipment utilized by California Task Force 6 (CA-TF6).

DISCUSSION:

Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) is a “multi-hazard” discipline that may be deployed 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 of 28 National Task Forces and one of eight in California that respond as either FEMA or as 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, and the mudslide in Oso, Washington.

Supplemental Grant Funding

The Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency recently notified the City of Riverside that an additional \$13,464 in 2019 Urban Search and Rescue grant funding has been awarded for the re-capitalization of the communications Task Force equipment cache. If accepted by City Council, the supplemental grant funds will be used for communication equipment items such as portable radios, repeaters, hardware and satellite communications systems.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2019 supplemental grant funding for Urban Search and Rescue totals \$13,464 and does not require any matching funds.

Upon City Council approval, an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$13,464 will be made in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, 2019 USAR Fire Department revenue account 9167400-331100 and an appropriation in the same amount will be made to the 2019 USAR Fire Department expenditure account 9167400-424220.

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