



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: MAY 9, 2023**

**FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY - CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,718 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing acceptance of grant award from the United States Department of Homeland Security - California Office of Emergency Services for the Fiscal Year 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program in the amount of \$62,718 and authorize an appropriation of funds in the same amount.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant award, or the actual awarded amount, from the United States Department of Homeland Security - California Office of Emergency Services for the Fiscal Year 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program in the amount of \$62,718 and authorizing the City Manager or designee to take all necessary actions to apply for and implement the Grant award;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, and upon grant award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$62,718, or in the amount of the actual grant award, in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, Emergency Management Performance 2022 Grant revenue and expenditure accounts.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) offers the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) to strengthen national preparedness and resilience. The FY 2022 EMPG is set against the backdrop of recent years in which the United States faced numerous and unprecedented natural disasters including hurricanes that devastated parts of Texas, Florida, and much of Puerto Rico, as well as massive wildfires and flooding across California.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of EMPG is to provide Federal funds to states to assist state, local, territorial, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards. If accepted, Grant funds will be used to partially fund the department's Community Preparedness Coordinator position, for emergency planning and for local community preparedness activities.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal No. 2.6 – Strengthen community preparedness for emergencies to ensure effective response and recovery.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Emergency Management Performance Grant funds the City's Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) Program that has educated and empowered individuals over the past decade in growth and resilience to emergency preparedness and increasing community trust in emergency response efforts.
2. **Equity** – Funding provided by the Emergency Management Performance Grant help the Fire Department deliver classes to our diverse community including those with access and functional needs.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The use of the Emergency Management Performance Grant funding increases the Fire Department's capability and capacity to put on classes and assist in the costs associated with staff training, CERT program administration, and equipment acquisition.
4. **Innovation** – The Riverside Fire Department - Office of Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program trains people to be self-sufficient following a major disaster when first responders are likely to be over tasked and not readily available to respond to every emergency. CERT Members help to keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Educating individuals and community organizations through the CERT program develops disaster resilient individuals and increases our community resilience through education on actions they can take now to mitigate disaster later.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$125,436 which includes a 100% City match local cost share of \$62,718, which the department will provide through existing emergency management staff salaries.

Upon Council approval, an increase in revenues in the amount equal to the grant award will be recorded, and an equal amount appropriated in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, Emergency Management Performance 2022 Grant revenue account 9178400-33110 and

expenditure account 9178400-411100.

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Approved by: Mike Futrell, City Manager  
Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Signature Authority
3. Grant Award Letter
4. Grant Face Sheet
5. Grant Standard Assurances