



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Acceptance of funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security, 2019 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), in the amount of \$426,900.

1. Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the award of funds under the FY19 SHSGP Grant Program.
2. Resolution of Appropriation

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for March 2, 2021 **calendar**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION

The Glendale Fire Department and Information Services Department respectfully recommend that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager, subject to approval by the City Attorney, to enter into an agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the management of these Homeland Security Grant funds.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City has been successful in obtaining \$426,900 under the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). These grant funds are allocated between the County of Los Angeles and those cities recognized by the County of Los Angeles Operational Area (OA), including the City of Glendale. The grant is administered by the County of Los Angeles. These funds are available for purchases of approved equipment, supplies, and for the training of first responders that meet identified national, state, county, and local priorities.

The projects associated with the SHSGP grant program are for the purposes of continuing efforts to strengthen capabilities and enhance public safety and preparedness efforts within Glendale and the region. These projects are part of the Los Angeles Operational Area's regional funding priorities and have been vetted through the Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association, the Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association, and the County of Los Angeles Office of Homeland Security. All projects have been approved by the State of California Office of Emergency Services Homeland Security authorizing branch.

The recommended agreement authorizes these funds as follows:

- 1) Interoperable Communications Equipment \$350,000
- 2) HazMat Equipment & PPE \$3,000
- 3) HazMat Team Training \$18,900
- 4) CBRNE Training \$5,000
- 5) RTC Maintenance & Sustainment \$15,000
- 6) RTC Training Materials \$35,000

GRAND TOTAL \$426,900

The Information Services Department has received funding to make improvements to the regional Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System Network Master Site. The Master Site, owned and operated by the City, is the Core of the Regional ICI System Radio Network and it is interconnected to the radio system infrastructure of all ICI System members by fiber and microwaves, thus establishing the region-wide networked radio structure.

There are more than 70 public safety agencies operating on the Glendale based ICI System Authority Network. This project will establish a Key Management Facility Program in the Master Site creating the ability for Glendale and all ICI System members to manage the encryption programming of their radios remotely, greatly enhancing efficiency, interoperability, and security. This program eliminates the time-consuming and operations-impacting need to remove first responder radios (and their personnel) from

the field in order to complete this programming.

The Fire Department has received funding to increase the training levels of existing CBRNE and Hazardous Materials team and to train firefighters to become hazardous materials specialists. All training courses are pre-approved by the State of California Grants and Training Section. Approved training for this grant is limited to courses that fulfill the requirements of the State Homeland Security Program guidelines. Training is attended based on course availability throughout the grant performance period.

The Glendale Fire Department Regional Training Center (RTC) is one of six sites throughout the County of Los Angeles that has been approved to teach specialized homeland security grant funded training. The funding for our RTC will cover the cost of staff (overtime and backfill) required to teach courses, provide evaluators or additional instructors, and provide any approved materials or equipment that fulfill the Federal Homeland Security Grant Program requirements.

All classes are approved and coordinated through the Los Angeles Area Regional Training Group (LAARTG). These courses are open to fire service professionals throughout the State of California. Local instruction of our specialty response teams enables the Glendale Fire Department and other departments within the County to significantly reduce training costs by eliminating travel and lodging expenses and decreasing the amount of overtime incurred. Local training also provides the ability to create course schedules based on the needs of our own region.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is a reimbursement grant and requires no matching funds. Funds for ISD will be received into ISD Revenue Account 31240-6600-ISD-0020-ISD00527AG, while funds for Fire will be received into Fire Revenue Account 31240-2650-GFD-0020-GFD00527BG. Funds will be expended as outlined below.

Account	Amount	Description
51000-6600-ISD-0020-ISD00527AG	\$350,000	Interoperable Communications Equipment
45150-2650-GFD-0020-GFD00527BG	3,000	Hazmat Team Equipment
41200-2650-GFD-0020-GFD00527BG	5,000	CBRNE Training
45150-2650-GFD-0020-GFD00527BG	15,000	RTC Maintenance & Sustainment Equipment
44650-2650-GFD-0020-GFD00527BG	35,000	RTC Training Materials
41200-2650-GFD-0020-GFD00527BG	18,900	Hazmat Team Training
Grand Total	\$426,900	

All items are part of ongoing projects and therefore should not have a fiscal impact with respect to program implementation costs. Approved Fire Department training covers the

attending individual's overtime hourly wage or backfill wages including compensation, unemployment insurance, and Medicare benefit rates. Liability insurance benefit rates are not an allowable expense per Homeland Security policy. Any liability insurance rates incurred will be paid for out of the Fire Department's current General Fund appropriation. Estimated liability insurance rates depend on total training attended and generally range between \$1,500- \$3,500 per grant. All expenditures are made in accordance with the City of Glendale and Department of Homeland Security policies and procedures.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: The City Council approves the FY19 SHSGP grant award for the Glendale Fire Department and Information Services Department.

Alternative 2: The City Council may consider not approving the acceptance of the grant which would decrease the number of specialized firefighters on duty every day trained in Hazardous Materials and Urban Search and Rescue and would forego improvements to the communications system.

Alternative 3: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

Not applicable

EXHIBITS

None