



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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May 24, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract and all necessary amendments, including term extensions, with the County of Los Angeles to receive and expend Department of Homeland Security grant funding for the 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program, and increase appropriations by \$388,650 in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD). (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office recently advised the City of Long Beach that the 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program funds have been awarded. This grant is appropriated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and managed through the State of California Office of Homeland Security and Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office. Under this grant program, the Long Beach Fire Department will receive a total of \$388,650 to continue implementation of the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). City Council authorization is required to execute a contract and necessary amendments, accept the grant funds and increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund in the Fire Department.

The MMRS grants began in 2001 as part of the Department of Homeland Security's goal to better prepare local governments to respond to any CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive) event. The funds have been used to secure emergency medicines for responders and the public, and to increase the capabilities of the Long Beach Fire Department and the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services. The MMRS 2010 grant award of \$302,304 will be utilized to increase the capabilities of emergency responders and to enhance the capabilities of the City of Long Beach by providing for training of staff as well as provide funding to maintain and repair equipment procured by prior grants. The SHSGP 2010 grant award of \$86,346 will be utilized to enhance terrorism liaison officer training at a regional level in addition to increasing information and collaboration with law enforcement partners.

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This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on April 26, 2011 and Budget Officer Victoria Bell on April 27, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council approval is requested on May 24, 2011, to ensure timely acceptance of these grant dollars.

FISCAL IMPACT

As these grants are currently unbudgeted, an appropriation increase of \$388,650 is included in the recommendation. The expense appropriations will be fully offset by grant revenues and this grant does not require matching funds. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER