

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

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February 20, 2018

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, 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 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$78,533, for a period ending June 30, 2018; and,

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications Department (DC) by \$78,533, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In November 1999, the City of Long Beach (City) entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Avalon and the City of Signal Hill, known as Los Angeles County (County) Disaster Management Area F (Area F), for the purposes of promoting the coordination of disaster management planning, training and preparedness efforts with the County. The City, serving as the lead agency for Area F, has received a grant award in an amount of \$78,533 under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). These funds will be used to augment Area F preparedness, mitigation and recovery training and equipment purchases.

The County Chief Executive Office has been named subgrantee for the County Operational Area, with the responsibility for administration of the fund. To distribute the Area F share of EMPG funds, the County requires a formal funding agreement between Area F and the County. This agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Monica J. Kilaita on January 25, 2018 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on January 31, 2018.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 20, 2018, to ensure the City can promptly begin to expend these grant funds on behalf of Area F.

FISCAL IMPACT

An appropriation increase in the amount of \$78,533 is requested in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications Department (DC). All grant expenses will be fully offset by grant reimbursement revenue.

The grant requires a 100 percent cost-match. The cost-match is budgeted in the General Fund (GF) in the Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications Department (DC), and will be met by current City staff time already working on emergency management-related activities within the County Operational Area. As the lead agency for Area F, the City is responsible for making all purchases. Maintenance costs for any equipment acquired under this grant for use by Area F will be included as project proposals in future EMPG grants. If not funded by future grants, an alternate funding source will need to be identified for maintenance costs if the City is still in possession of the equipment. 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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