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October 19, 2010

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 Chief Executive Office to receive and expend Department of Homeland Security grant funding for the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program, and increase appropriations by \$523,624 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 2009 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 \$523,624 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 2009 grant award of \$311,584 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 and procurement of emergency response equipment. The SHSGP 2009 grant award of \$212,040 will be utilized to enhance domestic emergency preparedness through Hazardous Materials training for first responders.

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This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on August 12, 2010 and Budget Officer Victoria Bell on October 6, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council approval is requested on October 19, 2010, to ensure timely acceptance of these grant dollars.

FISCAL IMPACT

As these grants are currently unbudgeted, an appropriation increase of \$523,624 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 immediate impact to the General Fund; however, due to time delays between incurring expenditures and receiving revenues, it may be necessary for the General Fund to advance cash to cover grant-related expenses until reimbursement revenues are received. As the grant only covers procurement expenses, annual maintenance costs of approximately \$1,700 for the required 5-year period will be borne by a combination of the General Fund and other funds. Replacement of the equipment may become necessary in a time period of 5 to 15 years and if, at that time, it is determined prudent to replace the equipment, the City will seek grant funds for that purpose. 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