

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Accept Grant Funding From the Office of Domestic Preparedness for Purchase of Domestic Preparedness Emergency Response Equipment (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

On July 22, 2003, the City Council authorized the City Manager to receive \$1,698,057 in grant funds from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) for the purchase of domestic preparedness emergency response equipment. These funds have been expended in purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), personal radiation detectors, an Urban Search-and-Rescue (USAR) vehicle with equipment, security perimeter barriers, and breathing apparatus. This equipment will be used primarily by the City's first responders, which include Fire, Police, Public Works/Airport Security and Health and Human Services personnel. All of the equipment will be secured by March 2005, with final reimbursement occurring within 60-90 days thereafter.

On July 1, 2004, the Fire Department received notification from the County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) that the City of Long Beach was approved for an additional \$905,966 in grant funds. As in the past, the City of Long Beach, as part of the Los Angeles Operational Area, is receiving its funds from OEM as a "pass-through" from the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP, formerly OJP). It is anticipated that the new grant funds will be used toward purchasing interoperability communications equipment that will allow the City of Long Beach's first responders to effectively communicate with other public safety agencies during an emergency. In addition, the funds will be expended to purchase physical security systems, logistical support equipment, technological equipment, additional PPE, and training. This will enhance the City's regional capability and help the City of Long Beach's response to large-scale incidents.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on November 4, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodyski on November 5, 2004.

## TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on November 16, 2004 in order to appropriate the funds and begin procurement of the domestic preparedness emergency response equipment.

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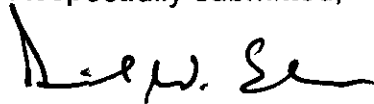
FISCAL IMPACT

An appropriation increase is included in the recommendation below for the ODP 2004 grant as these funds are not currently budgeted. The expense appropriation will be fully offset by grant revenues and does not require matching funds. However, fuel and other maintenance costs will be absorbed within current appropriations. Future years' fuel and maintenance costs are unknown at this time and will be addressed in the budget processes for those upcoming fiscal years. Depending on the location of the utilization of Fire and Police vehicles these costs may impact the General and/or Tidelands Funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to receive and expend grant funding from the Office of Domestic Preparedness for the purchase of domestic preparedness emergency response equipment; and
2. Increase appropriations in the:
  - a. General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD) by \$91,624;
  - b. General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$213,378;
  - c. General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Police Department (PD) by \$440,767;
  - d. General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$47,401; and
  - e. General Services Fund (IS 385) in the Department of Technology Services (TS) by \$112,796.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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