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September 7, 2004

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Additional Federal Emergency Management Agency
Funding for the Public Safety Building (District 2)

DISCUSSION

The City Council authorized the City Manager to apply for Federal grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). In August 1998, the City of Long Beach accepted a \$9.9 million HMGP grant to mitigate the seismic hazards and structurally retrofit the Public Safety Building.

Since the start of construction, the City has encountered several unforeseen conditions commonly associated with the seismic retrofit of older buildings. The existing "as-built" construction plans for the building did not match actual field conditions, which uncovered the need for a new curtain wall system and additional structural upgrades throughout the building. These upgrades also required lead paint abatement where the new components connected into the existing structure.

As a result, the City requested additional funds through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES). OES reviewed the request and determined it to be reasonable and eligible, and subsequently advised FEMA to approve additional grant funding in the amount of \$1,278,750. The City received a letter from OES dated July 21, 2004 (see Attachment) stating that FEMA has approved the request to increase grant funding.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on August 2, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 10, 2004.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 7, 2004, to provide for the timely acceptance of the additional grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant will offset increased costs in the Public Safety Building due to unforeseen conditions that were encountered during the retrofit of the building. Since the \$1,278,750 in grant funding is currently unbudgeted, an appropriation increase is included in the recommendation below.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute documents necessary to accept and administer the additional grant funds.
2. Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Public Works (PW) by \$1,278,750.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment(s)

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APPROVED:


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