



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize 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 2014 State Homeland Security Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$320,000 for a period ending March 31, 2016; and

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD) by \$320,000. (Citywide)

The State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) provides funding to enhance the capability of local agencies to prevent, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. The SHSGP grant is awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency via the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office provides regional administration of the SHSGP grant. City Council authorization is required to accept the grant funds, execute a contract and necessary amendments, and increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund. This contract will be in effect from September 1, 2014 to March 31, 2016.

The City of Long Beach has been a recipient of SHSGP funding since 2003. The funding has been used to enhance the response capabilities of the City of Long Beach by providing funding for training, exercises and equipment. The SHSGP 2014 grant, in an amount of \$320,000, continues the implementation of the program. Specifically, the funding will be used to support regional area training activities of catastrophic and all-hazard incident planning and response capabilities, and to fund the coordination and delivery of regional Homeland Security exercises, evaluation and training programs.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Kendra Carney on July 1, 2015 and by Budget Officer Victoria Bell on June 23, 2015.

City Council action on this matter is requested on July 21, 2015, to ensure the City can expend these funds within the performance period of the grant.

As these funds are not budgeted, an appropriation increase in the amount of \$320,000 in the General Grant Fund (SR 120) in the Fire Department (FD) is included in the recommendation.

All grant expenses will be fully offset by grant reimbursement revenue and there are no matching funds required. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

Approve recommendation.

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