

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 23-013

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *KC* Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FY 2020 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) – AWARD # EMW-2020-PU-00239-SO1

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

SUMMARY

On August 26, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) of an award of funds from the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 2020) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) for Marine Firefighter Training. The FY 2020 PSGP will provide a total of \$303,483 in funding for the backfill of staff on overtime, course tuition, and training-related consumables and equipment. The FY 2020 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant. The Federal share of the grant is 75% (\$227,612), with a 25% (\$75,871) cost match provided by the LAFD. The performance period for the FY 2020 PSGP is September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023.

The purpose of the PSGP funding is to support the National Preparedness Goals as set forth in the Presidential Policy Directive 8. The National Preparedness (PPD-8) describes the Nation’s approach to preparing for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. Specifically, the objective of the National Preparedness Goal is a secure and resilient Nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk. PSGP funding is awarded to strengthen the nation’s critical maritime infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

The FY 2020 PSGP will fund Marine Firefighter 1 and 2 training courses and related training exercises. Authority is being requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to conduct the training courses provided to LAFD members and our regional port partners. This report was previously approved under Council File # 20-1611 but there was no spending in Fiscal Year 2021-22.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Forward to the Mayor for continuation of the authority to expend FY 2020 Port Security Grant Program funding for Marine Firefighter Training to fund staffing (backfill/overtime), course tuition, and training-related consumables and equipment; and
2. Request that the City Council:
 - a. Authorize the Fire Department to continue to expend the FY2020 Port Security Grant Program funding in the amount up to \$303,483 from LAFD Special Training Fund 40J, Account 3840JB and General Fund 100, Department 38 Account 001098 Variable Staffing Overtime, Account 003040 Contractual Services and Account 6020 Operating Expenses, in accordance with the FY 2020 PSGP award from FEMA, for the performance period of September 1, 2020, through to August 31, 2023, and any extension of the performance period granted by FEMA; and authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to accept the grant on the City's behalf.
 - b. Authorize the Fire Department to deposit FY2020 PSGP reimbursement grant funds into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined;
 - c. Authorize the execution of a contract with a vendor to conduct Marine Firefighter Training courses within the grant performance period in an amount not to exceed \$133,400;
 - d. Authorize the Controller to transfer reimbursement grant funds from Fund 335, Department 38, Account TBD to General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 Variable Staffing Overtime for staffing backfill/overtime, Account 006020 for the purchase of equipment and supplies, and General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 003040 Contractual Services Account for the execution of the contract for the Marine Training courses; upon submission of proper documentation by LAFD of actual costs incurred from the Advanced Marine Firefighting Training Courses, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and,
 - e. Authorize the LAFD to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT

The LAFD will fund the grant-related expenditures of up to \$303,483 associated with the FY 2020 Port Security Grant Program. FEMA will reimburse LAFD the required cost share of up to \$227,612 (75%), with the remaining LAFD cost share amount of up to \$75,871 (25%) to be absorbed by the LAFD Special Training Fund and Gen Fund.

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