


LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FILE NO. 24-069
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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FY 2021 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) – AWARD # EMW-2021-PU-00562

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 Withdrawn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 September 8, 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) of an award of funds from the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) for Marine Firefighter Training. The FY 2021 PSGP will provide a total of \$475,210 in funding for the backfill and overtime, course tuition, travel, and training-related consumables and equipment. The FY 2021 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant. The Federal share of the grant is 75% (\$356,407), with a 25% (\$118,803) cost match provided by the LAFD. An amendment was submitted to FEMA and approved to extend the period of performance of the grant. The performance period for the FY 2021 PSGP is now September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025. The purpose of the PSGP funding is to strengthen the nation's critical maritime infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

A portion of this grant will fund travel, tuition, and Backfill and Overtime for Voith Schneider Shiphandling Course. The LAFD submitted an amendment request to FEMA to re-appropriate a portion of the personnel expenses for this course to cover the contractual costs. This amendment request was approved. Authority has been requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to conduct the training courses and pay for the tuition associated with the courses. Course dates have been scheduled, members have attended the training, and the vendor has been paid. The LAFD is in the process of finalizing PES payments and receiving final reimbursements from FEMA for training, travel, and contractual expenditures associated with the Voith Schneider Shiphandling Course.

Another portion of the original FY21 PSGP award was for the personnel and supply expenses for the LAFD to teach the 1005 Shipboard Firefighting Course. However, the

Department is still developing this course. The LAFD submitted an amendment request to FEMA to re-appropriate funds allocated for the 1005 Shipboard Firefighting personnel and supplies to purchase a Marine prop and FEMA approved this request. This approved amendment re-appropriate funds from 1005 Shipboard Firefighting Personnel and Supplies to Equipment to fund the purchase of a marine firefighting prop. This marine firefighting prop will be placed at the Harbor Training Academy on Terminal Island and be used for regional shipboard firefighting training with our port partners. The re-appropriation of grant funding for this project will provide the first shipboard prop of its kind in the area and greatly benefit the various agencies that would respond to a shipboard fire incident. The collaboration between agencies that training on the prop would provide would greatly benefit the Port of LA/LB.

The LAFD has expended \$144,843.69 in FY23-24 in Personnel, Travel, and Contractual Services. The LAFD will fund the remaining grant-related expenditures of up to \$330,366.31 associated with the FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program in FY 2024-25.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Forward to the Mayor and the Office of the City Administrative Officer for approval to continue to expend FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program funding for Maritime Training to fund staffing (backfill/overtime), course tuition, travel, and equipment; and Request that the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council:
2. Authorize the Fire Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to:
 - a. Authorize the Department to expend funds up to \$330,366.31 with \$3,810.78 from LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 2130 for travel; \$45,875.53 from General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 Variable Staffing Overtime for staffing backfill/overtime; and \$280,680 from LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020 Equipment in accordance with the FY 2021 PSGP award from FEMA, for the performance period of September 1, 2021, through to August 31, 2024, 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. Deposit FY2021 PSGP up to \$247,774.73 in reimbursement grant funds into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined;
3. Authorize the Controller to:
 - a. Transfer reimbursement grant funds up to \$247,774.73 from Fund 335, Department 38, Account TBD to LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 002130 for Travel up to \$3,810.78; General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 006020 for Equipment up to \$280,680; and remaining amount in General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 upon submission of

proper documentation by LAFD of actual costs incurred from the Voith Schneider Shiphandling training and Marine Prop, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and

- b. 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 instruction.

FISCAL IMPACT

The LAFD has expended \$144,843.69 in FY23-24 in Personnel, Travel, and Contractual Services. The LAFD will fund the remaining grant-related expenditures of up to \$330,366.31 associated with the FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program in FY 2024-25. FEMA will reimburse LAFD the required cost share of the total award up to \$247,774.73 (75%), with the remaining LAFD cost share amount of up to \$82,591.58 (25%) to be absorbed by the LAFD General Fund.

Board report prepared by Nicole Castro, Management Analyst, Emergency Operations Bureau, Homeland Security Division.

