

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ronnie R. Villanueva, Interim Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FY 2024 PORT
SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) – AWARD # EMW-2024-PU-
05535

FINAL ACTION:	☐ Approved	☐ Approved w/Corrections	☐ Withdrawn
	☐ Denied	☐ Received & Filed	☐ Other

SUMMARY

On September 20, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) of an award of funds from the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) for fire boat training using a navigation simulator. The FY 2024 PSGP will provide a total of \$129,000 in funding for tuition and sworn personnel costs (overtime/backfill) for members to attend the training. The FY 2024 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant. The Federal share of the grant is 75% (\$96,750), with a 25% (\$32,250) cost match provided by the LAFD. The performance period for the FY 2024 PSGP is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

The purpose of the PSGP funding is to strengthen the nation's critical maritime infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks. The FY 2024 PSGP grant will fund tuition and sworn personnel costs for fire boat training using a navigation simulator. This report was previously approved under Council File # 24-1557 but there was no spending in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Forward to the Mayor and the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) for continuation of the authority to expend FY 2024 Port Security Grant Program funding for training; 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. To continue to expend the FY2024 Port Security Grant Program funding in the amount up to \$129,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA);

- b. Authorize the Fire Department to expend funds up to \$65,000 from LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 6010 for Tuition; and up to \$64,000 from LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 1098 Variable Staffing Overtime for staffing backfill/overtime in accordance with the FY 2024 PSGP award from FEMA, for the performance period of September 1, 2024, through to August 31, 2027, 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.
 - c. Deposit FY2024 PSGP up to \$96,750 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 \$48,750 from Fund 335, Department 38, Account TBD to LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 6010 for Tuition; and up to \$48,000 from Fund 335, Department 38, Account TBD to LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 1098 Variable Staffing Overtime for personnel costs; upon submission of proper documentation by LAFD of actual costs incurred, subject to the review and approval of the 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 will fund the grant-related expenditures of up to \$129,000 associated with the FY 2024 Port Security Grant Program. FEMA will reimburse LAFD the required cost share of up to \$96,750 (75%), with the remaining LAFD cost share amount of up to \$32,250 (25%) to be absorbed by the LAFD General Fund.

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