

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Jaime E. Moore, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF CALOES/FEMA URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE
CA-TF1 MOBILIZATION AGREEMENT #A261017385

FINAL ACTION: Approved Approved w/Corrections Withdrawn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

SUMMARY

The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) has provided ongoing support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Forces throughout the State of California, through funding of training for the Agencies supporting US&R Teams. CalOES has offered monies for training for the various California FEMA Task Force Teams. At this time CalOES has extended an opportunity to the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) to exercise our FEMA US&R Task Force. Our FEMA Team is sponsored through FEMA, as one of the twenty-eight (28) FEMA US&R Task Forces throughout the country and is identified as California Task Force One (CA-TF1). The participation of CA-TF1 in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System is established through the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA between FEMA, the State of California and the LAFD, dated April 4, 1993 and later amended in 2011 (C.F. 10-2283-S1).

On April 30, 2026, Standard Agreement #A261017385 was executed between the LAFD and CalOES to implement a Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX). In support of the exercise, CalOES has forwarded Standard Agreement #A261017385 in the amount \$519,000 to the LAFD. The funding will reimburse the LAFD for backfill/overtime, consumables, support fees, evaluation, and administration for the MOBEX. The period of performance for the Agreement shall be from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, with the option to extend for one (1) additional (12) month period at the original rates evaluated and considered.

The Department’s FEMA US&R Team is composed of two (2) teams of ninety-five (95) members, for a total of 190 members. This exercise will extend over a three-day period. This exercise will consist of a mobilization, set up of the staging site, overview of tools, conducting a search and rescue scenario, the break-down of the site, and rehab of the FEMA US&R cache.

In addition to the total amount authorized under Standard Agreement for the MOBEX, CalOES will be responsible for payment under this contract up to \$519,000, pursuant to the reimbursement process established by CalOES. The City must advance payments, and then obtain reimbursement from CalOES. In exercising the two dedicated CA-TF1 teams, any potential overage in cost may be attributed to the training portion of the 2024 FEMA US&R Readiness Cooperative Agreement (C.F. 22-1423).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact on the General Fund in FY 26/27. The LAFD will cover the expenditures up to \$519,000 through the LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 (Variable Staffing). CalOES will reimburse the LAFD a total up to \$519,000 (100%).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Approve and transmit the report to the Mayor and the Office of the City Administrative Officer for Committee and City Council consideration.

It is also recommended the Board request that the Mayor and City Council:

2. Accept the Standard Agreement in the amount of \$519,000 for the performance period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 as granted by CalOES, and authorize the Fire Chief, or designee, to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the agreement on the City's behalf.
3. Authorize the Fire Department to deposit the Standard Agreement funds received into Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined.
4. Authorize the Controller, for reimbursement purposes, to transfer the Standard Agreement funds from Fund 335, Department 38, Account to be determined, to various Fund 100, Department 38 salary accounts: Account 001012 (Salaries Sworn), Account 001010 (Salaries General), Account 001090 (Overtime General), and Account 001098 (Variable Staffing), upon submission of proper documentation by the Fire Department of direct staff costs incurred during the grant performance period.
5. Authorize the Fire Department to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

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