



LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FILE NO. 15-135
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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF FIRSTWATCH SOLUTION, INC. SYNDROMIC SURVEILLANCE SOFTWARE – FY 2015-16 THROUGH FY 2016-17 (TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO BFC 15-105)

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 Withdrawn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 15, 2015, the Board of Fire Commissioners, among other actions, approved the grant award from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (County) in the amount of \$67,617 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 to assist in the bio-surveillance program (BFC 15-105). Through the use of FirstWatch Solutions, Inc. (FirstWatch) syndromic surveillance software, the program would serve as an early warning system for the detection of bio-hazardous/bio-terrorist events by collecting and analyzing statistical data on health trends in the Los Angeles area. The Board approved the grant award and Agreements with the County and FirstWatch (provided as Attachments to the Board report dated September 8, 2015), subject to City Attorney review and approval as to form.

As a result of the City Attorney's review, the Department was advised that the Agreements approved by the Board and subsequently approved by the Mayor/City Council, covers a performance period effective upon date of execution through June 30, 2017. The maximum grant award to the City totals \$101,426, as follows:

- Date of execution through December 31, 2016: \$67,617
- January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017: \$33,809

Because of the administrative error in the content of the prior Board report, a technical correction of the grant award and term of the Agreements is required to properly affect the process. LAFD staff is working with the City Council to introduce and adopt a Motion to reflect these technical corrections and other administrative actions to accept disbursement of the grant funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board approve:

1. The grant award totaling \$101,426 from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to assist in the bio-surveillance program for the period of January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, as follows:
 - (a) Date of execution through December 31, 2016: \$67,617
 - (b) January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017: \$33,809
2. The Agreement between the City and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for funding of the syndromic surveillance program for the period of January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form.
3. The Agreement between the City and FirstWatch Solutions, Inc. to license syndromic surveillance software for the period January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost match in acceptance of the \$101,426 grant award. These grant funds will cover the cost of the Agreement with FirstWatch Solutions, Inc. for the syndromic surveillance software license.

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