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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: *RMT* Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT – LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT CAL-JAC
REVOLVING TRAINING FUND 40K FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

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 Withdrawn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

As required by City Ordinance No. 171714, the following report on the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Revolving Training Fund 40K covering Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (FY 17/18) is submitted.

The purpose of the fund is for the receipt, retention, and disbursement of monies received from the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (CFFJAC) reimbursement grants for the training of Paramedic and Firefighter personnel of the Department.

The CFFJAC is an apprenticeship training program encompassing nearly all paid occupations found in the California fire service. It is a joint apprenticeship program that is supported by both management and labor organizations. In 1994, the LAFD and the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC) entered into an agreement with CFFJAC, which created our Department's California Joint Apprenticeship Committee (CAL-JAC) program. The CAL-JAC program provides reimbursement for Fire Department training costs, through the California Education System and State Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

Members enrolled in the CAL-JAC program include probationary Firefighters and newly appointed members to promotional positions. Throughout a member's apprenticeship period, the LAFD receives reimbursement for each hour of apprentice training. The hourly reimbursement rate for FY17/18 was \$3.10.

A synopsis of the LAFD Revolving Training Fund Cash Balance Report shows the following activity:

As of July 1, 2017, the balance for the Fund was:	<u>\$ 962,171.26</u>
The Fund received deposits of:	\$ 798,187.34
The Fund received in interest income:	\$ 10,528.15
Total Receipts:	<u>\$ 808,715.49</u>
Net Increase in Use Tax Payable:	<u>\$ 567.66</u>
Total Disbursed:	<u>(\$ 481,350.64)</u>
As of June 30, 2018, the ending cash balance was:	<u>\$ 1,290,103.77</u>

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

Direct the Commission Executive Assistant II to forward this Annual Report to the Mayor and City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of the CAL-JAC reimbursement program directly affects the LAFD budget. The monies in the fund are expended towards the training of the Department's Paramedic and Firefighter personnel. They provide the necessary support services to accomplish the training, which may include, but are not limited to classrooms, instructors, fire apparatus, audiovisual equipment, books, and other instructional supplies that are not otherwise covered by the General Fund.

DISCUSSION

The beginning balance on July 1, 2017, was \$962,171.26 and the accrued interest for FY 17/18 was \$10,528.15. During FY 17/18 there was \$798,187.34 received in reimbursement deposits. During FY 17/18, expenditures totaled \$481,350.64. As of June 30, 2018, the ending cash balance was \$1,290,103.77.

Examples of training related expenditures that occurred in FY 17/18 are the purchase of portable generators which simulate situations wherein existing power supply does not exist; lumber for smoke recognition training; suction hose and fittings for pumping and drafting training; smoke machines to deliver training in a simulated fire environment; workspace tables and chairs for the Sim Lab; portable shade awnings to protect cadre members from direct sun exposure during training; and a portable self-contained breathing apparatus refill system which allows depleted supply cylinders to be re-filled without utilizing front-line resources.

CONCLUSION

The CAL-JAC program has continually demonstrated the benefits of cooperative efforts between management and labor by generating valuable training resources.

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