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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FILE NO. 21-085

TO:

Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: VM

Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT:

CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 2018 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM IN FY 2021-2022 - AWARD # EMW-2018- PU-00436

FINAL ACTION:	Approved	——— Approved w/Corrections	Withdrawn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

SUMMARY

On September 17, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) of an award of funds from the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY 2018) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) for Marine Firefighter Training. The FY 2018 PSGP will provide a total of \$235,345 in funding for the backfill of staff on overtime, course tuition, and training-related consumables. The FY 2018 PSGP is a cost-share reimbursement grant. The Federal share of the grant is 75%, with a 25% cost match provided by the LAFD. The Federal cost-share is \$176,509 and the LAFD cost-share is \$58,836. The performance period for the FY 2018 PSGP is September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021. Due to COVID-19, all training was postponed, so the LAFD received an extension until August 21, 2022.

The purpose of the PSGP funding is to support National Preparedness Goals to strengthen the nation's critical maritime infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks through the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas. The FY 2018 PSGP will fund Marine Firefighter 1 and 2 training courses and related training exercises. Authority was requested to negotiate and execute a contract with a vendor to conduct the training courses provided to LAFD members and our regional port partners. This was approved with Council File # 19-0121. In previous fiscal years the LAFD has spent \$6,281.58 leaving a remaining balance of \$229,063.42 to spend in FY 21-22. The remaining Federal Share is \$171,797 and the remaining LAFD cost share is \$57,266.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- 1. Authorize the Fire Chief or his designee, to accept the FY 2018 Port Security Grant Program funding award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
- 2. Approve and transmit this report to the Mayor for acceptance and authority to expend FY 2018 Port Security Grant Program funding for Marine Firefighter Training to fund staffing (backfill/overtime), course tuition, and training-related consumables;

3. Request that the Mayor:

- a. Authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to expend funds in the amount up to \$229,063.42 in accordance with the FY 2018 PSGP award, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the performance period of September 1, 2018, through to August 31, 2022.
- b. Authorize the execution of a contract with a vendor to conduct Marine Firefighter Training courses within the grant performance period in an amount up to \$119,000.

AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. Deposit the FY 2018 PSGP grant receipts into Fund 335, Department 38, Account 38907S:
- b. Transfer FY 2018 PSGP grant receipts up to \$171,797, from the LAFD Grants Fund No. 335/38, Account 38907S to the LAFD Special Training Fund No. 40J, Account 3840JB.
- c. Transfer appropriations as follows, upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual grant costs incurred from the Marine Firefighting training courses:

From: 40J/38 Account Title Amount
State Educational Account \$229,063.42

To: 100/38001098 Overtime Variable Staffing \$117,000 Contractual Services \$111,000

100/38 006020 Operating Supplies \$ 1,063.42

Total: \$229.063.42

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 instructions.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund. The LAFD will fund the grant-related expenditures of \$229,063.42 through the LAFD Special Training Fund 40J, Account 3840JB. The FEMA will reimburse LAFD the required cost share of \$171,797 (75%). The remaining LAFD cost share amount of \$57,266 (25%) will be absorbed by the LAFD Special Training Fund.

Board report prepared by Jennifer Corona, Management Analyst, Homeland Security Grants Section.