



# LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 22-099

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 2019 PORT SECURITY  
GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) – AWARD # EMW-2019-PU-00482

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 Withdrawn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 13, 2019, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) of an award of funds from the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) for Marine Firefighter Training. The FY 2019 PSGP, a cost-share reimbursement grant, will provide a total of \$299,425 in funding for the backfill of staff on overtime, course tuition, and training-related consumables and equipment. The Federal share of the grant is 75% (\$224,569), with a 25% (\$74,856) cost match provided by the LAFD. The performance period for the FY 2019 PSGP is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2023.

The purpose of the PSGP funding is to support the National Preparedness Goal, created by FEMA and set forth in the Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8). The National Preparedness Goal describes the Nation's approach to preparing for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. Specifically, the objective is a secure and resilient Nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk. PSGP funding is awarded to strengthen the nation's critical maritime infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

The FY 2019 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 # 20-0462. In FY 20-21, the LAFD spent \$37,827.10 leaving a remaining balance of \$261,597.90 to spend in FY 21-22. In FY 21-22 the LAFD spent \$156,346.87 leaving a remaining balance of \$105,251.03 to spend in FY 22-23.

The remaining Federal Share is \$78,938.52 and the remaining LAFD cost share is \$26,312.51. The LAFD requested an extension that was approved to spend out the remaining funds. The new performance period end date is August 31, 2023.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

1. Approve and transmit this report to the Mayor approval and authority to expend FY 2019 Port Security Grant Program funding for Marine Firefighter Training to fund staffing (backfill/overtime), course tuition, and
2. Request that the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council:
  - a. Authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to expend remaining funds in the amount up to \$105,251.03 from General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098; and General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 003040; in accordance with the FY 2019 PSGP award from FEMA, for the performance period of September 1, 2019, through to August 31, 2023, and any extension of the performance period granted by FEMA;
  - b. Authorize the Controller to deposit reimbursement grant funds into Fund 335, Department 38, Account 38907T;
  - c. 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 \$21,000;
  - d. Authorize the Controller to transfer reimbursement grant funds from Fund 335, Department 38, Account 38907T, to General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 Variable Staffing Overtime for staffing backfill/overtime; and General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 003040 Contractual Services for course tuition; upon submission of proper documentation by LAFD of actual costs incurred from the Advanced Marine Firefighting Training Courses, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and,
  - e. 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**

The LAFD will fund the grant-related expenditures of \$105,251.03 through the LAFD General Fund 100, Account 1098 and Account 003040. FEMA will reimburse LAFD the required cost share of \$78,938.52 (75%), with the remaining LAFD cost share amount of \$26,312.51 (25%) to be absorbed by the LAFD General Fund.

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