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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FILE NO. 23-104

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Kristin M. Crowley, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FEMA URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CA-TF1/CAL  
OES MOBILIZATION AGREEMENT #A221009908

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 Withdrawn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

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) 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 Agencies supporting US&R Teams. Cal OES has offered monies for training for the various California FEMA Task Force Teams. At this time Cal OES 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 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 & 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 June 12, 2023, Standard Agreement # A221009908 was executed between the LAFD and Cal OES to implement a Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX). In support of the exercise, Cal OES has forwarded Standard Agreement # A2221009908 in the amount of \$519,000.00 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 May 1, 2023, or upon approval, whichever is later, through April 30, 2024, with the option to extend for two additional twelve month periods at the original rates evaluated and considered.

The Department's FEMA US&R Team is composed of 2 teams of 95 members, for a total of 190 members. This exercise will extend over a three-day period. This exercise

will consist of 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, Cal OES will be responsible for payment under this contract up to \$519,000, pursuant to the reimbursement process established by Cal OES. The City must advance payments, and then obtain reimbursement from Cal OES. In exercising the two dedicated CA-TF1 teams, any potential overage in cost may be attributed to the training portion of the 2022 FEMA US&R Readiness Cooperative Agreement (C.F. 22-1423)

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact on the General Fund in FY23/24. The LAFD will cover the expenditures up to \$519,000.00 through the LAFD General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 001098 (Variable Staffing). Cal OES will reimburse the LAFD a total up to \$519,000.00 (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 \$519,000.00 for the performance period of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 as granted by Cal OES, 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.

Board report prepared by Victoria Rodriguez, Management Analyst, Emergency Operations.