

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:  Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: REAPPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FY2013 PORT
SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM IN FY2015-16

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 Withdrawn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 June 21, 2013, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) submitted an application for the FY2013 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The performance period for the FY2013 PSGP grant is September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2015. On November 6, 2013, the LAFD received an award of \$807,285 in funding. The purpose of the PSGP is to strengthen the nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks and enhance the response within the jurisdiction.

The LAFD is returning to Council to request authorization for the re-allocation of funds to conclude the remaining expenditures and purchases under PSGP 2013 in FY2015-16. The grant award was received too late to procure maritime equipment in FY2013-14, and delays in development of specifications has pushed the procurement of equipment to FY2015-16. The LAFD has expended approximately 52% of the grant award for training in FY2014-15. The LAFD has asked the FEMA to grant an extension on this grant for a period of 180-days to complete all expenditures in the areas of equipment and training. That request is pending approval from the FEMA. If approved, the grant period would be extended beyond August 31, 2015, to a date approved by the FEMA.

The FY2013 PSGP provides the LAFD an opportunity to build upon prior participation in the Port Security Grant Program (C.F. 10-1955-S1; C.F. 13-1302; C.F. 14-0176), and other grants such as the Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant programs, and effectively leverage the training and equipment obtained under those grant programs.

The FY2013 PSGP is a reimbursement grant. The federal share of the grant is 75% with a 25% cost match provided by the LAFD. The PSGP requires that funds be reimbursed after actual expenditures are made. As the LAFD incurs expenses from this program the expenditures will be forwarded to and reimbursed by the FEMA on an ongoing basis in FY2015-16. For the \$395,502 that remains unexpended on the FY2013 PSGP award, the Federal government will reimburse the LAFD up to \$292,626. The remaining amount, up to \$98,876, will be absorbed by the LAFD.

The primary activity supported by this investment involves sustainment of Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, Radiological, and Explosives (CBRNE) response capabilities and improved Marine Response activities. The training of LAFD first responders under these areas improves the capability to respond effectively to incidents in the Port of Los Angeles area. These funds also ensure that effective LAFD responses will result in quicker recovery of the Port of Los Angeles to normal operation.

The cost breakdown of the FY2013 PSGP grant covering the original award, expenditures through June 30, 2015, and the remaining balance to be expended in FY2015-16 are reflected in the below tables.

Table 1: FY2013 PSGP Grant Cost Breakdown by Category (original award)

Category	Federal Share	LAFD's Cost Share	Totals
CBRNE Hazmat Training	\$ 219,375	\$ 73,125	\$ 292,500
Marine Response Training	\$ 287,164	\$ 95,721	\$ 382,885
Marine Response Equipment	\$ 98,925	\$ 32,975	\$ 131,900
Totals	\$ 605,464	\$ 201,821	\$ 807,285

Table 2: FY2013 PSGP Total Expenditures made by the LAFD as of June 30, 2015 by Category

Category	Federal Share	LAFD's Cost Share	Total Expended
CBRNE Hazmat Training	\$ 212,559	\$ 70,853	\$ 283,412
Marine Response Training	\$ 96,278	\$ 32,093	\$ 128,371
Marine Response Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 308,837	\$ 102,946	\$ 411,783

Table 3: FY2013 PSGP Remaining Balances as of 7/01/2015 for expenditure in FY15-16

Category	Federal Share	LAFD's Cost Share	Total Balance
CBRNE Hazmat Training	\$ 6,816	\$ 2,272	\$ 9,088
Marine Response Training *	\$ 190,885	\$ 63,629	\$ 254,514
Marine Response Equipment	\$ 98,925	\$ 32,975	\$ 131,900
Totals	\$ 296,626	\$ 98,876	\$ 395,502

* The LAFD has requested of FEMA that the excess Marine Response training funds be modified to CBRNE Hazardous Materials Training.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

Forward to the Mayor and City Council consideration and approval of the LAFD's request to re-appropriate FY2013 PSGP funding to enable the completion of training and equipment purchases.

FISCAL IMPACT

The LAFD's FY2015-16 General Fund budget will front-fund the expenditure of \$395,502 associated with the FY2013 PSGP. The FEMA will reimburse the LAFD a total of \$296,626 (75%); the required cost share of \$98,876 (25%) will be absorbed by the LAFD.

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