

Agenda Report

January 14, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Fire Department

**SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE \$93,000 FROM 2010 STATE
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (SHSGP)**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061, (b) (3).
2. Recognize \$93,000 from the 2010 SHSGP and appropriate these funds to the Fire Department's fiscal year 2013 operating budget, Fire Grant Fund (230) to conduct a Mobile Exercise (MOBEX) drill which will include all Regional Task Force 4 (RTF) member cities.

BACKGROUND:

The Pasadena Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team is the coordinator for the Regional Urban Search and Rescue Task Force which encompasses 32 specially trained rescuers from seven local cities. The Regional Task Force is fully-deployable throughout the State, self-sustainable and capable of coordinating and completing technical searches for victims in collapsed structures and coordinating search and rescue canines.

CalEMA requires all Regional USAR Task Forces to complete a full-scale mobile exercise annually. As the coordinator of the Task Force, the Pasadena Fire Department has been approved to receive funds to accommodate this training from SHSGP. The Pasadena Fire Department is the regional coordinator for seven cities within Los Angeles County Area C including, Pasadena, Glendale, Arcadia, Monrovia, San Gabriel, Monterey Park and Alhambra. The approval of funds from the SHSGP is to allow for a large resource deployment including personnel, apparatus and equipment to

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attend this mandatory training and to allow for backfill behind the team so as not to deplete Area C of personnel resources and overhead. The MOBEX is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 13th at Del Valle regional training facility managed by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Furthermore, the funding will allow for personnel from outside agencies to evaluate the Regional Task Force and create an improvement plan for enhancing service and developing equipment priorities.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action supports the City Council's strategic goal to ensure public safety.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

None Required

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no matching funds nor any indirect costs associated with this action. Funds will be reimbursed after the exercise drill scheduled for mid-February, 2013 based on actual cost. Funds will be appropriated and recognized as follows:

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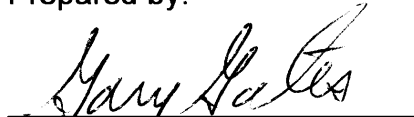
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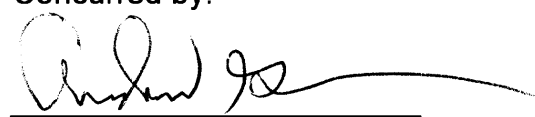
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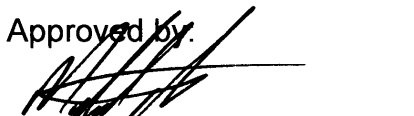
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