

Agenda Report

December 10, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Pasadena Fire Department

SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FOR FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL TRAINING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,416 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2013 OPERATING BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council recognize and appropriate \$83,416 from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to the Fire Department's Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget for the purpose of conducting a Train-the-Trainer course for Firefighter Survival.

BACKGROUND:

On January 12, 2012, the Pasadena Fire Department was awarded a \$104,269 grant through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which provides funds to protect the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. Separately, the City will contract with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to provide the training program necessary to certify IAFF Fire Ground Survival Trainers. The Fire Ground Survival Training is the most comprehensive survival program currently available within the fire service. Incorporating federal regulations, proven incident management practices and survival techniques from leaders in the field, and real case studies from experienced firefighters, the Fire Ground Survival Program aims to educate firefighters to be prepared if the unfortunate happens. The FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program funds 80% of the cost, totaling \$83,416, with the City of Pasadena providing 20% of the cost, which totals \$20,853.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule that CEQA only applied to projects that may have an effect on the environment.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action supports the City Council Strategic Planning Goal to Ensure Public Safety by enhancing the skills of City firefighters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of this action will be \$104,269. FEMA will directly reimburse \$83,416 to revenue account 101-6248-363300-91163. Of that amount registration fees of \$45,000 will be expended from account 101-8115-363300-91163 and position coverage expenditures of \$38,416 will be expended from account 101-8014-363300-91163. The difference of \$104,269 and \$83,416, or \$20,853, is Pasadena Fire's 20% share and will be expended, as necessary, from adopted fiscal year 2013 appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,



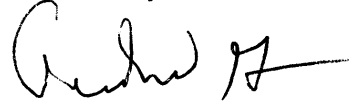
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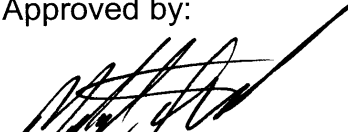
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