



Staff Report

File #: 21-0884

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 10/06/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT:

Acceptance and appropriation of Fiscal Year 2020 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Program Grant award in the amount of \$149,549.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Program Grant provides funding to assist states and local governments in enhancing and sustaining emergency management capabilities in preparing for all hazards that might be faced by a community. The Fiscal Year 2020 U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant was awarded to the City of Corona in the amount of \$149,549.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council:

- a. Authorize the submittal for and acceptance of Fiscal Year 2020 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Program Grant award in the amount of \$149,549.
- b. Approve an appropriation and estimated revenue increase of \$149,549 in the General Fund for the Fire Department to sustain and support its specialized Response Teams, Community Emergency Response Team and the Emergency Management Division.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Program Grant provides funding to assist states and local governments in enhancing and sustaining emergency management capabilities in preparing for all hazards. The sub-grant is administered through the California Office of Emergency Services in cooperation with the Riverside County Operational Area. This has historically been a reoccurring grant, and although it is not guaranteed, we anticipate receiving future allocations.

ANALYSIS:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security allocates grant funding to local governments to assist in their efforts to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond, and recover from potential terrorist

attacks and other hazards. The Fire Department will utilize this grant funding to provide training, conduct exercises, and purchase equipment for the Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This funding allows the City to offer its residents free CERT training. Funding will also be utilized for emergency management staffing and to improve overall emergency management capabilities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

An appropriation of \$149,549 from the General Fund is requested for the Fiscal Year 2020 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Program Grant. The grant will be allocated to the following programs: FY20 CERT \$19,549, FY20 Anti-Terrorism Approval Authority (ATTA) \$63,000, and FY20 Countywide Hazardous Operations Group (CHOG) \$67,000. The General Fund estimated revenue will be increased by \$149,549 to reflect the approval of the grant funding.

GENERAL FUND	
Adopted Budget - FY 2022 Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ 14,593,660
Less Measure X Reserves	(13,144,418)
Previously Approved/Revised Budget Adjustments (Net)* [Note 1]	(56,501)
Current Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures	1,392,741
FY20 US Department of Homeland Security Grant - Revenue Increase	149,549
FY20 US Department of Homeland Security Grant - Appropriation	(149,549)
Revised Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures [Note 1]	\$ 1,392,741
Budget Balancing Measures Reserve - Estimated 06/30/2021	27,665,595
Estimated FY 2022 Change in Budget Balancing Measures Reserve	1,392,741
Estimated Budget Balancing Measures Reserve - 06/30/22	\$ 29,058,336

* Approved through Council Action or other operational process.

Note 1: Includes other General Fund items on the October 6, 2021 agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action authorizes the submittal for and acceptance of grant funding, and there is no possibility this will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

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REVIEWED BY: BRIAN YOUNG, FIRE CHIEF

Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1: Fiscal Year 2020 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Program Grant Award Letter- \$82,549
2. Exhibit 2: Fiscal Year 2020 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Program Grant Award Letter- \$67,000