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December 18, 2018

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

21 December 18, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2018 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT (ALL AFFECTED DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Board approval is requested to accept the County's allocation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (Grant Subaward No. 2018-0008, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.042) and approve an Appropriation Adjustment to allocate the enhanced level of funding. This grant is fully funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and distributed by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The Emergency Management Performance Grant is used to support comprehensive emergency management activities at the local levels and to encourage the improvement of preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities for all hazards and disasters. The performance period of this grant is from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the County activities to be funded with the 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Funds from the Department of Homeland Security do not constitute projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are continuing administrative or organizational activities of government and involve the creation of funding mechanisms that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and do not commit to specific projects which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment or are exempt from CEQA for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the proposed actions;

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- 2. Accept \$2,200,209 in funding for the FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant as distributed through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and the allocation of a portion of such funds to the County's Chief Executive Office Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$733,330 to support County emergency preparedness and response activities;
- 3. Approve an Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$2,201,000 for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Budget Unit to allocate the enhanced level of funding under the grant;
- 4. Adopt the attached Governing Body Resolution, which authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to apply for and execute Emergency Management Performance Grant awards and all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations, as necessary; and
- 5. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to enter into subrecipient agreements with Disaster Management Areas providing for use and re-allocation of these funds, and to execute all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations relative to the subrecipient agreements as necessary.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has approved grant funding for State and national homeland security efforts. This grant funding is provided to support comprehensive emergency management at local levels, and to encourage the improvement of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities for all hazards and disasters. These grant funds will be used to strengthen information sharing and collaboration among all levels of government, private industry, and non-governmental and community-based organizations; strengthen emergency planning for both intentional and natural disasters; encourage citizen preparedness while integrating the needs of vulnerable populations; and provide guidance and support for enhancing primary and alternate emergency operations centers to increase regional readiness, and increase opportunities for professional training of emergency management personnel.

This letter finds that the recommended activities do not constitute projects or are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Following approval by the Board, and the signing of subrecipient agreements with Disaster Management Areas (DMAs), the grant funds will be made available at the local level.

The Board is requested to authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to administer this grant, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Operational Area (OA), and approve the enclosed Governing Body Resolution, which provides a list of CEO personnel authorized to sign grant documents for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The CEO will also be authorized to submit other grant documents including, but not limited to, amendments, modifications, extensions, performance reports, reimbursement requests, and future applications.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Access to this grant funding addresses the following County Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies: Goal II.2 – Support the Wellness of our Communities; Goal III.1 – Continually Pursue Development of Our Workforce; and Goal III.3 – Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

For FY 2018, the EMPG award is \$2,200,209. The attached Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$2,201,000 is needed to increase the Emergency Preparedness and Response Budget's spending authority, and to recognize the additional grant funding. This program is fully funded by the Department of Homeland Security, and distributed by Cal OES. The FY 2018 EMPG has a dollar-for-dollar funding match requirement, which the OA will satisfy through matched personnel salaries and benefits.

Of the total grant award, the DMAs will be allocated \$1,466,879, and \$733,330 will be retained by the Chief Executive Office's Office of Emergency Management to support emergency preparedness and response activities.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Cal OES has provided the Los Angeles County Operational Area with specific guidelines for the management and administration of this grant. These guidelines detail the activities and expenditures that are allowable under this grant. The performance period of this grant is from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The activities to be funded by the grant do not constitute projects pursuant to CEQA because they involve organizational activities, training, and equipment purchases are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b)(2)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines on the basis that they are continuing administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes or potentially significant physical impacts on the environment and involve equipment purchase, the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Some of the activities involve installation of small new equipment at existing facilities or training programs involving no physical changes which involve negligible or no expansion of an existing use and are therefore categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301(a) and (f), 15303(e), and 15322 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(d) and (i) and 3(d) and 22(a) of the County's Environmental Document and Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. Based on the records of the proposed exempt activities, they will comply with all applicable regulations and are not located in a sensitive environment; there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 or indications that the activities may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable based on the project records.

Each subrecipient is required to comply with CEQA, as applicable, to be reimbursed with grant funds. To the extent there are any changes proposed to the activities to be funded by the County retained funds, the proposed activities will be reviewed for any further findings which may be necessary under CEQA. CEO staff will continue to assist the lead federal granting agency, as necessary, to complete its requirement under the National Environmental Policy Act.

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Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, CEO will file a Notice of Exemption for the County's exempt activities with the County Clerk in accordance with California Public Resources Code Section 21152.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant will enable the County and the DMAs to enhance capabilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters and emergencies.

CONCLUSION

Upon execution by the Board of Supervisors, please send a copy of the adopted Board Letter and three originals of the signed Governing Body Resolution to the Chief Executive Office for processing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors County Counsel Auditor-Controller **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DEPT'S. NO.

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November 9, 2018

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2018-19

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SOURCES

USES

Emergency Preparedness and Response A01-OE-90-9031-12600 Federal Grants

\$2,201,000

Emergency Preparedness and Response A01-OE-2000-12600

Services and Supplies Increase Appropriation \$734,000

Emergency Preparedness and Response

A01-OE-5500-12600

Other Charges Increase Appropriation \$1,467,000

SOURCES TOTAL: \$

\$2,201,000

USES TOTAL: \$

\$2,201,000

JUSTIFICATION

Increase Revenue

Reflects the acceptance of FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant funds in the amount of \$2,201,000 awarded by the Department of Homeland Security through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Grant funds will be used to support emergency management activities at the local level and to encourage the improvement of preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation for all hazards and disasters.



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE THERESA TRAN, MANAGER, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

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ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Governing Body Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors OF THE County of Los Angeles THAT
Chief Executive Officer , OR Chief Operating Officer , OR Assistant Chief Executive Officer , OR Manager, CEO , OR Principal Analyst, CEO , OR Chief Program Specialist, CEO
is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the named applicant, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security and subawarded through the State of California.
Passed and approved this 18 th day of December, 2018
Certification
I,, duly appointed and
Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervise (Governing Body)
do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by
the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on the
day of <u>December</u> , 2018.
CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (Official Position) DEC 18 2018 (Date)

ATTEST: CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BY Chille Amilheuman
Deputy