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25 October 15, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

October 15, 2013

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

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS, EMW-2013-CA-K00013-S01, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FISCAL YEAR 2013 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE READINESS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles (District) is requesting approval to accept $1,187,654 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Urban Search and Rescue Readiness Cooperative Agreements.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Accept $1,187,654 in grant funding, **EMW-2013-CA-K00013-S01**, from DHS/FEMA FY 2013 Urban Search and Rescue Readiness Cooperative Agreements.

2. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to sign any documents required by the DHS/FEMA that are associated with the administration and management of the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION ACTION

The purpose of the DHS/FEMA FY 2013 Urban Search and Rescue Readiness Cooperative Agreement is to fund services and supplies, salaries and employee benefits, and capital assets enabling the District's firefighters and rescue teams to complete their mission in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the grant.

Approval of the recommendations now before your Board will allow sufficient funding for preparedness, operations, and maintenance of the District's Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force in support of the National Response Framework, and will address the following:

- Salaries and Employee Benefits $690,384
- Services and Supplies $417,270
- Capital Assets - Equipment $ 80,000

The grant funding for Services and Supplies will consist of travel, training, supplies, contractual services and warehouse improvements which includes the effective use of storage and workspace. Capital Asset purchases will include communication equipment, hazardous material and rescue equipment.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, through emergency preparedness and response efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District's Fiscal Year 2013-14 Final Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this grant to address the projected needs for this fiscal year.

There is no cost share or matching funds requirements.

There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The performance period for the DHS/FEMA FY 2013 Urban Search and Rescue Readiness Cooperative Agreement is from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Purchase of services and supplies is under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent. Any and all purchases will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

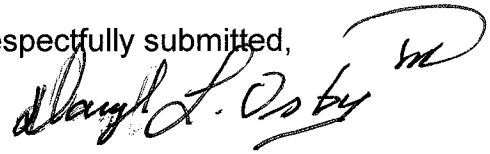
Approval of the recommended action will ensure the District's ability to provide effective and essential levels of public safety to the residents of Los Angeles County, as well as expand the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office – Emergency Operations
Chief Deputy Michael T. Metro
Mike.Metro@fire.lacounty.gov

Respectfully submitted,



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