



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
 June 10, 2008

Honorable Mayor and  
 Members of the City Council

**Title:** Grant: Acceptance of Annual Federal Funds for California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7), Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept annual federal funding in the amount of \$1,008,929; 2) establishing a multi-year operating grant; 3) establishing an \$1,008,929 revenue and expenditure budget; 4) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to pay previously charged, grant-related expenses out of the multi-year operating grant for California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7), Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team (G12500800).

**Contact:** Ed Vasques, Assistant Fire Chief, 264-7522; Denise Pinkston-Maas, Support Services Manager, 808-1604

**Presenters:** N/A

**Department:** Fire

**Division:** Special Operations

**Organization No:** 2553/12001431

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** The City of Sacramento is the sponsoring agency for California Task Force Seven, Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team. Each year the City applies for annual federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the operation of CA TF-7. This report is recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept funds in the amount of \$1,008,929 for the 2008 Urban Search and Rescue Annual Funds.

**Policy Considerations:** The City of Sacramento's Strategic Budgeting effort adopted in FY2007/08, included Public Safety as one of the five budget focus

areas. Included in the vision of this focus area is the building of “an effective regional, multi-hazard planning, preparedness, response and recovery system.” The US&R grant funds will provide federal and state funding that will be used to staff, train and equip a regional/national emergency response team.

Acceptance of the federal US&R funding is consistent with City Council action relative to state and federal grant awards.

**Environmental Considerations:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** Ongoing administrative maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials which are not made for purposes of a public construction project, do not constitute a “project” and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(1), 15378(b)(3).

**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The City of Sacramento Fire Department is the sponsoring agency for the CA TF-7 US&R Team. The team also includes the following participating agencies: Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, West Sacramento Fire Department, and the El Dorado County Fire Protection District. Currently there are four additional fire agencies joining the team: Elk Grove Community Services District, Folsom Fire Department, Roseville Fire Department, and Sacramento International Airport Fire Department.

The City of Sacramento Fire Department, representing the City as the sponsoring agency, is responsible for organizing, equipping, and maintaining the specialized equipment cache, training task force personnel, and mobilizing the team upon activation. To receive the annual federal US&R funds of \$1,008,929, the City must sign the Assistance Award agreement; therefore, we are requesting authorization for the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the agreement. (The Assistance Award agreement is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk.)

**Financial Considerations:** The CA TF-7 US&R grant funding will be used for personnel costs, training, storage and maintenance, and purchase of supplies and equipment in order to maintain a state of readiness. To meet the grant reporting and audit requirements, staff is recommending that an operating grant be established with a revenue and expenditure budget in the amount of \$1,008,929. The performance period of this grant began May 1, 2008, and the budget submitted has labor expenditures beginning June 1, 2008. No augmentation to the Fire Department budget is being requested, as all program costs associated with the grant are charged to the grant.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Staff will follow the emerging and small business guidelines when purchasing supplies or services under this grant.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Denise Pinkston-Maas*

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Fire Chief

Recommendation Approved:

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Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 10, 2008

**GRANT: ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE SEVEN (CA TF-7), URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) TEAM (G12500800)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Urban Search & Rescue Team, sponsored by the City of Sacramento, consists of personnel from the City of Sacramento Fire Department and seven other participating agencies. The Sacramento Fire Department, representing the City as the sponsoring agency, is responsible for organizing, equipping, and maintaining the specialized equipment cache, training task force personnel, and mobilizing the team upon activation.
- B. Each year the City of Sacramento Fire Department, as the sponsoring agency, must submit an application for annual funding to receive monies to support the administrative requirements, training, equipment maintenance and/or purchases in order to ensure Task Force readiness.
- C. On May 19, 2008, the City of Sacramento Fire Department was advised by FEMA that CA TF-7 US&R's application was approved.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute the agreement to accept the annual federal funding for California Task Force Seven, Urban Search and Rescue Team (CA TF-7 US&R), in the amount of \$1,008,929.
- Section 2. A multi-year operating grant shall be established for the CA TF-7 US&R Program. (G12500800).
- Section 3. A revenue and expenditure budget in the amount of \$1,008,929 shall be established for the CA TF-7 US&R Program (G12500800).
- Section 4. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to pay previously charged, grant-related expenses out of the multi-year operating grant for CA TF-7 US&R (G12500800).