



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
March 24, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant Application: 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 apply, sign and submit documentation for annual federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the California Task Force Seven, Urban Search and Rescue Team (CA TF-7 US&R); **2)** Accepting federal funds, if awarded, in amount awarded; **3)** Establishing a multi-year operating grant for CA TF-7 US&R (G12XXXXXX) including revenue and expenditure budgets for the CA TF-7 US&R program; **4)** Accepting all eligible, grant related expenditures to the multi-year operating grant for CA TF-7 US&R (G12XXXXXX) beginning May 1, 2009.

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Presenters: N/A

Department: Fire

Division: Special Operations

Organization No: 12001431

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City of Sacramento is the sponsoring agency for US&R CA TF-7. Each year the City applies for annual federal funding from DHS/FEMA for the operation of CA TF-7. This report is recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for the federal funding for 2009, and accept any funds awarded to CA TF-7. Per FEMA, the amount of funding per award, subject to availability, and is estimated to range from \$1,001,910 to \$1,056,910.

Policy Considerations: 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.

Application for, and 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).

Sustainability Considerations: There are no sustainability considerations applicable to the acceptance of federal funding reimbursing DHS/FEMA directed activities.

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: County of Sacramento - Airport System, City of Folsom Fire Department, City of West Sacramento Fire Department, Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) Fire Department, FBA, Inc., Roseville Fire Department, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, and various affiliated personnel.

The City of Sacramento Fire Department is responsible for organizing, equipping, and maintaining the specialized equipment cache, training task force personnel, and mobilizing the team upon activation. The application process is the first step in the receipt of the annual federal US&R funds. Staff recommends authorization for the City Manager, or his designee, to sign and submit documentation for annual federal grant funding; and if awarded, accept this funding to continue the operations of CA TF-7. See Exhibit A: "Listing of documents available for review on the City of Sacramento's web site (<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk/council-agendas>) and on file with the City Clerk's Office".

Financial Considerations: The approval and adoption of the Resolution, is not requesting an augmentation to the Fire Department budget. 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 to match the final grant when awarded.

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: E. Vasques
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Fire Chief

Recommendation Approved:

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City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

March 24, 2009

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

BACKGROUND

- A. The Urban Search & Rescue Team, sponsored by the City of Sacramento, consists of personnel from the City of Sacramento Fire Department, seven other participating agencies and various affiliated personnel. 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 to the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) to receive annual funding to support the administrative requirements, training, equipment maintenance and/or purchases in order to ensure the task force readiness of CA TF-7.

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 apply, sign and submit documentation for annual federal funding from DHS/FEMA for the California Task Force Seven, Urban Search and Rescue Team (CA TF-7 US&R);
- Section 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to accept federal funds in the amount awarded;
- Section 3. A multi-year operating grant for CA TF-7 US&R (G12XXXXXX) including revenue and expenditure budgets for the CA TF-7 US&R program shall be established;
- Section 4. All eligible CA TF-7 US&R grant (G12XXXXXX) related expenditures beginning May 1, 2009 are accepted.

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EXHIBIT A

Listing of documents available for review on the City of Sacramento's website (<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/clerk/council-agendas>) and on file with the City Clerk's Office:

- California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7) Application to Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 2009 Urban Search & Rescue Program Grant:
 1. SF 424 – Application
 2. Assurances Non-Construction Programs
 3. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

