

**Meeting Date: 7/30/2013**

**Report Type:** Consent

**Report ID:** 2013-00591

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

**Location:** Citywide

**Issue:** Pursuant to Resolution 2013-0198, City Council approval is required for the establishment and/or cancellation of an operating grant. The proposed resolution will allow the Sacramento Fire Department to continue as the sponsoring agency for California Task Force Seven (CA-TF7), Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team.

**Recommendation:** Pass a Resolution 1) authorizing the City Manager, or his designees, Fire Chief, 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 (CA TF-7), Urban Search and Rescue Team (US&R); 2) accepting federal funds, if awarded, in amount awarded and/or equipment awarded; 3) establishing an operating grant for CA TF-7 US&R (G12501300) including revenue and expenditure budgets for the CA TF-7 US&R program; and 4) accepting all eligible, grant related expenditures to the CA TF-7 US&R grant (G12501300) beginning October 1, 2013.

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**Presenter:** None

**Department:** Fire

**Division:** Special Operations

**Dept ID:** 12001431

**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

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**City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form  
Lan Wang  
7/22/2013 4:00:15 PM

**City Treasurer Review**

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt  
John Colville  
7/12/2013 8:05:06 AM

**Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Ray Jones - 7/22/2013 11:20:26 AM

## Description/Analysis

**Issue Detail:** The City of Sacramento is the sponsoring agency for the California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7), Urban Search and Rescue Team (US&R). The City applies for annual federal funding from Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the operation of CA TF-7. This report is recommending the City Council authorize the City Manager, or his designee, the Fire Chief, to apply, sign and submit documentation for annual federal funding for federal fiscal year 2013 (federal fiscal year is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014), and accept any funds, and/or equipment awarded to CA TF-7. Per FEMA, the amount of funding per award, subject to availability, is estimated to be in the range from \$1,285,000 to \$1,365,000.

**Policy Considerations:** The US&R grant funds will provide federal funds that will be used to staff, train and equip a regional/national emergency response team.

**Economic Impacts:** None.

**Environmental Considerations:** 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) (3), 15378(b) (2).

**Sustainability:** None.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The US&R grant helps foster regional interagency collaboration and increased effectiveness in the Sacramento Operational Area. The CA TF-7 US&R Team also includes numerous participating agencies from the Greater Sacramento area, 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.

**Financial Considerations:** No City General Fund resources are required to submit or receive federal US&R grant funds. If received, CA TF-7 US&R grant

funds will be used for a variety of operational expenses including, but not limited to, personnel costs, training, storage and maintenance, and purchase of supplies and equipment in order to maintain a state of readiness, and to meet the grant reporting and audit requirements. Staff is recommending that an operating grant be established with revenue and expenditure budgets to match the final grant when awarded. If the grant is not awarded, the program ends with the last approved cooperative agreement and funding.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

July 30, 2013

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The CA TF-7, US&R Team, sponsored by the City of Sacramento, consists of personnel from the City of Sacramento Fire Department, various other participating agencies and 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. If the grant is not awarded, the program ends with the last approved cooperative agreement and funding.

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

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, the Fire Chief, 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, the Fire Chief, is authorized to accept federal funds, and/or equipment, in the amount awarded;
- Section 3. An operating grant for CA TF-7 US&R (G12501300) 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 (G12501300) related expenditures beginning October 1, 2013 are accepted.