

**Meeting Date:** 6/5/2014

**Report Type:** Consent

**Report ID:** 2014-00423

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

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Pass a Resolution 1) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, the 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 (US&R) Team; 2) accepting federal funds, if awarded, in the amount awarded and/or equipment awarded; 3) establishing an operating grant for CA TF-7 US&R (G12501400) 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 (G12501400) beginning September 1, 2014.

**Contact:** Chris Costamagna, Acting Assistant Chief, (916) 216-0291; Denise Pinkston-Maas, Support Services Manager, (916) 808-1604, Fire Department

**Presenter:** None

**Department:** Fire

**Division:** Special Operations

**Dept ID:** 12001431

**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

---

**City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form

Lan Wang

5/19/2014 9:52:33 AM

**Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Lloyd Ogan - 5/15/2014 2:40:24 PM

## 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 (US&R) Team. Each year 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 that 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 2014 (Federal Fiscal year is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015), 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 \$1,150,631 to \$1,298,631.

**Policy Considerations:** Application for, and acceptance of the federal US&R funding is consistent with City Council action relative to state and federal grant awards.

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:** There are no sustainability considerations applicable to the applying and 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 numerous participating agencies from the Greater Sacramento area, and various affiliated personnel. The US&R grant helps foster regional interagency collaboration and increased effectiveness in the Sacramento Operational Area.

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, the Fire Chief, to apply, sign and submit documentation for annual federal funding; and if awarded, accept any funds and/or equipment awarded in order to continue the operations of CA TF-7.

**Financial Considerations:** The approval and adoption of the attached Resolution does not augment the Fire Department General Fund budget; nor is there any obligation on the part of

the City for matching funds. The CA TF-7 US&R grant funds will be used for 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.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Staff will follow the local business enterprise guidelines when purchasing any supplies or services under this grant.

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 5, 2014

### **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 (G12501400) 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 (G12501400) related expenditures beginning September 1, 2014 are accepted.