



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING \$16,360 IN THE FEDERAL GRANT FUND (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The Chula Vista Fire Department applied for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program for training costs to train all firefighters to the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) Firefighter Type 2 standard. The grant application was awarded for wildfire training materials, supplies, and instructor costs for two NWCG courses for all Fire Department members.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

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Wildland firefighting is a constant reality in southern California and poses a significant threat in Chula Vista. The Fire Department has made wildland firefighting a training priority; however, funding sources are scarce in order to accomplish training and certification in the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) Firefighter Type 2 standard. Similar training has been provided to ensure Fire Department personnel are prepared and safe when fighting wildland fires. However, attaining the NWCG certificate courses will validate

this training and bring the Department to industry standards. These courses will also allow Department members to achieve additional qualifications specific to the wildland firefighting discipline.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

This is a cost-matching grant, with a City share of \$1,487.28 and the Federal share of \$14,872.72 totaling \$16,360. Approval of this resolution will result in the following fiscal year 2020 budget amendments and appropriations for this grant revenue and will authorize the expenditure of said revenue in the prescribed manner:

The City's share of the grant match for training will be \$1,487.82 and will come from the Fire Department training division's supplies and services budget.

Staff is requesting a total appropriation of \$16,360 to the Federal Grants Fund, with \$9,360 to the Personnel category and \$7,000 to the Supplies and Services category.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There are no ongoing fiscal impacts that do not already exist within Fire Department funded operating budgets.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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