



DATE: January 20, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Fire Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$186,146 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council accept \$186,146 in grant funds from the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services (OES) awarded to the City of Oceanside for reimbursement of funds expended for equipment and training used to respond to potential terrorist incidents, and approve appropriation of the funds to the Fire Department. These are reimbursable funds to provide training, improve incident management capability and infrastructure protection, and purchase equipment that will enhance the City's ability to respond to a terrorist or hazardous material incident.

BACKGROUND

In March 2001, the City Council approved a request for the application for a series of terrorism response grant funds. The State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) is facilitated by the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services (OES). For the 2009 award, the OES has approved the City's application for the reimbursement of funds used for planning and to train personnel in preparation for potential terrorist incidents. The funds will also be used to purchase equipment used during daily operations, and is not restricted to terrorist incidents. The equipment purchased will be used to enhance several aspects of the City's response capability as well as provide for increased infrastructure protection.

ANALYSIS

The Fire Department will use the funds to make authorized equipment purchases and provide access to first responder training courses as approved in the grant guidelines. Use of these funds will allow the Fire Department to coordinate purchases and training for all City departments receiving benefit. All purchases and training will enhance the City's emergency response capability.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award will reimburse all approved purchases, planning, and training costs, and no matching funds are required from the City. The \$186,146 in SHSGP funds will be deposited into 917115300273.4381 and appropriated to the following accounts in the requested amounts:

- \$41,500 to Capital Outlay Equipment (917115300273.5704)
- \$6,500 to Seminar/Training (917115300273.5350)
- \$16,500 to Travel/Conferences/Meetings (917115300273.5345)
- \$91,646 to Special Department Support (917115300273.5355)
- \$30,000 to Hourly Extra Help (917115300273.5110)

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

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