

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Fort Worth, the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Forest Service, and the Regional Incident Management Team Members to Delineate Responsibilities and Procedures for Regional Incident Management Team Activities Under the Authority of the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan for Five Years, Authorize Acceptance of Reimbursement Funds from the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Forest Service in the Amount Up to \$500,000.00 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of a Five-Year Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fort Worth, the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Forest Service, and the Regional Incident Management Team members to delineate responsibilities and procedures for the Regional Incident Management Team activities under the authority of the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan;
 2. Authorize the acceptance of reimbursement funds from the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Forest Service in the amount of \$500,000.00; and
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 (\$100,000.00 per year for five years).
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DISCUSSION:

The Police Department, under the authority of the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan, has become a participating member of the Regional Incident Management Team (RIMT) for regional incident management activities at the request of the State of Texas. The scope of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) includes delineating the responsibilities of all parties, including participation in training activities mandated by the State of Texas and the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Forest Service (TFS) to maintain RIMT operational readiness. The MOU will become effective upon execution and shall continue for a period of five years unless earlier terminated by one of the parties. This Mayor & Council Communication is to accept funding for the next five (5) years for eligible payments made to the officers assigned to the task force in the amount of \$500,000.00 (\$100,000.00 per year for five years). The Police Department has assigned four officers to the RIMT, who must comply with the following requirements:

1. Maintain physical capability of performing duties as a team member;
2. As a result of training provided by the RIMT, maintain knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to operate safely assigned duties;
3. Be available for immediate call-out during and respond immediately to a mobilization request within two hours from the time of mobilization; and
4. Be prepared to operate in a disaster environment and follow the Code of Conduct of the RIMT.

TFS will pay for required TFS/state-sponsored training for participating officers. TFS will also pay the salaries of the officers during any times of deployment, as well as the cost of backfilling while an officer is activated, reasonable travel to and from training and deployment, and material, equipment, supplies, and triage medical expenses for the officers while they are assisting. All liability, otherwise, remains with the City.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas A&M College

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, execution of the agreement and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Other Fund. The Police Department and (Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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