

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 36FIRE DEPARTMENT DEPLOYMENTS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Appropriation Ordinance in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the Amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the Fire Department's Participation in Texas Task Force 1 and the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the Fire Department's participation in the Texas Task Force 1 and the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth Fire Department participates as a member of Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1), which functions as one of 28 federal teams under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Urban Search and Rescue System and as a statewide urban search and rescue team under direction of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. TX-TF1 operates through the Texas A&M Engineering Extension (TEEX) service.

Additionally, the department participates in the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS), which deploys statewide fire service resources in the event of major, all-hazards incidents including wildland fires, hurricanes, floods and disaster recovery efforts.

With both TX-TF1 and TIFMAS, participating departments are requested to assist other jurisdictions during times of emergency. All costs associated with responding, including salary and benefits costs for deployed and backfill personnel, as well as travel, per diem, supplies and equipment expenses are later reimbursed by the state and federal agencies associated with these programs.

In Fiscal Year 2016, (Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) G-18701) was approved to separate deployment-related revenue and expenses from the Fire Department's annual operating budget in the General Fund due to their unpredictable nature and due to the reimbursement revenue often being received in a different fiscal year than when deployment-related expenses were incurred. This M&C would be the continuation of these efforts. A Fire Deployments project will be created in the Grants Operating Other Fund with \$1,500,000.00 in allocations and an anticipated \$1,500,000.00 in offsetting revenues for expenses and revenues related to TX-TF1 and TIFMAS deployments.

In Fiscal Year 2018, M&C G-19258 was approved in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the Fire Department's participation in the Texas Task Force 1 and the Texas Interstate Mutual Aid System.

The Fire Department will be responsible for the oversight and management of this project. Should expenditures be incurred against the programs that are not eligible for reimbursement, the Fire Department will absorb these costs within their operating funds.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation 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 Fire 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 Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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