

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Accept and Expend Grant - 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program and Amendment to Annual Salary Ordinance - \$1,434,644]

Ordinance authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to retroactively accept and expend a FY2011 Homeland Security Grant Program grant in the amount of \$1,434,644 from the United States Department of Homeland Security, through the California Emergency Management Agency, for building and sustaining preparedness capabilities; and amending Ordinance No. 146-11 (Annual Salary Ordinance, FY2011-2012 and FY2012-2013) to provide for the creation of one (1) grant-funded position in the Department of Emergency Management.

Background Information

The United States Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") Homeland Security Grant Program ("HSGP") is a primary funding mechanism for building and sustaining national preparedness capabilities. The HSGP is comprised of separate grant programs, including the State Homeland Security Grant Program ("SHSGP") and the Metropolitan Medical Response System ("MMRS"). The SHSGP is a core assistance program that provides funds to build capabilities at the State and local levels and to implement the goals and objectives included in State homeland security strategies and initiatives in the State Preparedness Report. The MMRS supports the integration of emergency management, health, and medical systems into a coordinated response to mass casualty incidents caused by any hazard. MMRS helps cities to reduce the consequences of a mass casualty incident during the initial period of a response by augmenting existing local operational response systems before the incident occurs.

DHS, through the California Emergency Management Agency ("CalEMA"), as the State Administrative Agency ("SAA"), has awarded the City \$1,434,644 in HSGP funds, including \$1,152,951 in SHSGP funds and \$281,693 in MMRS funds. In California, HSGP funds are coordinated by the SAA for pass-through to the City.

The grant funds will be distributed to City departments for sustaining progress and continued enhancement of disaster preparedness program capabilities and capacities. The City will use the SHSGP component of this grant to fund emergency management and preparedness planning for catastrophic incidents to include community outreach and education, and will use the MMRS component to fund the Medical and Public Health Preparedness Project. The City will use a portion of the funds to create a new position within the City, specifically a Classification 0931 Manager III in the Department of Emergency Management (1.00 FTE).

Proposed Ordinance

The proposed ordinance authorizes the Department of Emergency Management to accept and expend \$1,434,644 in HSGP grant funds for fiscal year 2011-2012 from the DHS, through the CalEMA. The proposed ordinance also authorizes the Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management to furnish any additional information or assurances the DHS or CalEMA may request in connection with the grant, to execute any and all agreements or other documents, and to take any other steps necessary to accept, distribute and expend the grant funds.

Pursuant to Administrative Code §10.170-1(b), the ordinance also amends the Annual Salary Ordinance, FY2011-2012, to reflect the addition of a new grant-funded position, specifically a Classification 0931 Manager III in the Department of Emergency Management (1.00 FTE).