



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
January 9, 2007

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Application: Grant for California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7), Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Application for Federal Assistance and grant assurances to apply for annual federal funding of \$809,000 for the CA TF-7, US&R team.

**Contact:** Ed Vasques, Assistant Chief Special Operations, 264-7522; Denise K. Pinkston-Maas, Support Services Manager, 808-1604

**Presenters:** N/A

**Department:** Fire

**Division:** Special Operations

**Organization No:** 2553

**Description/Analysis**

**Issue:**

As the Sponsoring Agency of the CA TF-7, US&R program, the City must sign the Application for Federal Assistance and grant assurances to receive funding from the federal government.

**Policy Considerations:**

In order to continue to receive funding and be a part of the federal US&R program, the City must complete the application for federal funds. The application for the federal US&R grant is consistent with City Council actions relative to state and federal grant awards. This action also is consistent with City Council's goal of enhancing regional partnerships.



**Committee/Commission Action:** None.

**Environmental Considerations:**

Ongoing administrative maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies, equipment or materials which are not made for purposes of a public construction project, do not constitute a "project" and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(1), 15378(b)(3).

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The Application for Federal Assistance and grant assurances must be submitted to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to receive the funds for the development and maintenance of CA TF-7, US&R team. The federal government requires local agencies to adopt a resolution granting signature authority for an Application for Federal Assistance and grant assurances. The funding will be used to prepare the Task Force to provide qualified and competent Urban Search and Rescue personnel and equipment. In addition, application for the federal US&R grant is consistent with City Council actions relative to state and federal grant awards.

**Financial Considerations:**

The Sacramento Fire Department has been the Sponsoring Agency of CA TF-7 since the early 1990s. As such, the Fire Department is directly responsible for the management and coordination of all aspects of the Task Force, including the training and outfitting of 210 personnel from a total of eight agencies. The fire department provides personnel and training to support the daily operations related to CA TF-7, US&R Team. Grant funding of \$809,000 will be used for the purchase of supplies and equipment, contract for services, training, and the continuation of limited term employees. No augmentation of the Fire Department budget is being requested.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

Staff will follow the emerging and small business guidelines when purchasing supplies or services under this grant, except on specific items on the FEMA US&R Cache List that must be interchangeable with all 28 National US&R tasks forces and therefore must be purchased from specific brands/vendors to ensure identical items.

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Support Services Manager

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for Julius J. Cherry  
Fire Chief

Recommendation Approved:

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City Manager

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## Attachment 1

### **Background Information:**

- The City of Sacramento Fire Department has been the sponsoring agency for California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7), US&R team since the inception of the federal US&R program in the early 1990s. CA TF-7 has responded for emergency assistance to the bombing of the Federal Murrah building in Oklahoma City, the terrorist attack of the World Trade Center in New York, and to the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
- The US&R Team sponsored by the City of Sacramento consists of personnel from the City of Sacramento Fire Department, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department, West Sacramento Fire Department, and the El Dorado County Fire Protection District. There are four new fire departments joining the team: Elk Grove Fire Department, Folsom Fire Department, Roseville Fire Department and Sacramento International Airport Fire Department. The City of Sacramento Fire Department, representing the City as the Sponsoring Agency, is responsible for organizing, equipping and maintaining the specialized equipment cache, training task force personnel, and mobilizing the team upon activation.
- In order to apply for the federal US&R funds of \$809,000, the City Manager is required to sign the Application for Federal Assistance; federal government requires the City Council adopt a resolution, which authorizes the City Manager to sign the application.

**Attachment 2**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council  
January 9, 2007

**APPLICATION AND GRANT ASSURANCES FOR \$809,000 OF ANNUAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE SEVEN (CA TF-7), URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) TEAM**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The City of Sacramento Fire Department has been the sponsoring agency for CA TF-7, US&R team since the inception of the federal US&R program in the early 1990s. CA TF-7 has responded for emergency assistance to the bombing of the Federal Murrah building in Oklahoma City, the terrorist attack of the World Trade Center in New York, and to the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
- B. To apply the federal US&R funds of \$809,000, the City must submit the required application to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); the City must adopt a resolution granting signature authority for the City Manager to sign the Application for Federal Assistance.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to sign the Application for Federal Assistance and grant assurances to apply for annual funding of \$809,000 for CA TF-7, US&R team from FEMA.