



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent Report
November 8, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: APPLICATION OF ANNUAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA TASK
FORCE SEVEN URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (US&R) TEAM

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution, which authorizes the City Manager to sign the application of annual federal funding and grant assurances for California Task Force Seven US&R Team.

Contact: Ed Vasques, Assistant Chief, 264-7522

Denise Pinkston-Maas, Support Services Manager, 433-1667

Presenters: N/A

Department: Fire

Division: Special Operations

Organization No: 2553

Summary:

The City of Sacramento Fire Department is the sponsoring agency for California Task Force Seven Urban Search and Rescue Team (CA TF-7 US&R). As the sponsoring agency, we are required to complete the application for the annual federal funding and grant assurances. This federal fiscal year's amount for CA TF-7 US&R Team is \$594,415.

Committee/Commission Action: None.

Background Information:

The Sacramento US&R Team (CA TF-7) consists of primarily Sacramento Fire Department personnel, with fire personnel from Sacramento Metropolitan and El Dorado County Fire Protection Districts and West Sacramento Fire Department. The Sacramento Fire Department, representing the City as the sponsoring agency, is responsible for organizing, training, equipping, maintaining the specialized equipment cache and mobilizing the team upon activation.

The management of CA TF-7 has been absorbed into the daily routine of Fire Department staff. Additional staff to support the program is being funded through the grant. Any purchase of supplies and equipment are paid through designated US&R grant funds. With this year's funds, CA TF-7 anticipates completing all goals outlined in the application packet. These goals include: provide administrative staff, training, and logistical support necessary to insure response readiness. In order to effectively complete the goals and appropriate documentation, the grant will continue to pay for three limited term positions which include: a Fire Battalion Chief, an Administrative Analyst and a Typist clerk. To receive the federal US&R funds of \$594,415, we must submit the required application; therefore, we are requesting the authorization of the City Manager to sign the Application for Federal Assistance and Grant Assurances.

Financial Considerations:

The fire department provides personnel to support and oversee the daily operations related to CA TF-7 US&R Team. Grant funding of \$594,415 will be used for the purchase of supplies and equipment, contract for services, training, and the continuation of the limited term employees. No augmentation of the Fire Department budget is being requested.

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).

Policy Considerations:

Acceptance of 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.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

Staff will follow the emerging and small business guidelines when purchasing supplies or services under this grant.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Henriette P. Vasques-Maas*
for Ed Vasques, Fire Assistant Chief

Approved by: *Julius J. Cherry*
for Julius J. Cherry
Fire Chief

Recommendation Approved:

Robert P. Thomas
ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2005-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

November 8, 2005

APPLICATION FOR \$594,415 OF ANNUAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE SEVEN, URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

BACKGROUND

- A. The California Task Force Seven (CA TF-7) Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team consists of primarily Sacramento Fire Department personnel, with fire personnel from Sacramento Metropolitan and El Dorado County Fire Protection Districts and West Sacramento Fire Department. The Sacramento Fire Department, representing the City as the sponsoring agency, is responsible for organizing, training, equipping, maintaining the specialized equipment cache and mobilizing the team upon activation.
- B. Each year, the City of Sacramento Fire Department, as the sponsoring agency, must complete and submit an application for annual funding to receive monies to support the administrative requirements, training, and equipment maintenance/ purchases of CA TF-7.

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

- Section 1. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to sign the Application for Federal Assistance and Grant Assurances to apply for the annual funding for California Task Force Seven Urban Search and Rescue Team in the amount of \$594,415.

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- Exhibit A: Application for Federal Assistance – 2 pages
- Exhibit B: Grants Assurances – 5 pages