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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF 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 accept federal funding for California Task Force Seven US&R Team.

CONTACT PERSON: Ed Vasques, Assistant Chief, 264-7522

FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: December 10, 2002

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). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing grant funding under the Urban Search and Rescue Response System's Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Grant Program. The funding of \$740,000 will be spent on Administrative and WMD preparedness including training of CA TF-7 for a WMD event. This report requests that the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept these funds.

BACKGROUND:

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. 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.

Congress provided FEMA with supplemental funding for WMD response and operation readiness preparedness. The purpose of the WMD Administrative Preparedness Grant is to allow each National US&R Task Force the opportunity to raise their standard and condition of operational readiness. FEMA and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) are moving toward a new level of accountability and are providing the funding to complete this phase of development. The US&R Task Forces have been directed to use the funding for administrative purposes, training, equipment cache preparedness and storage and maintenance. These funds are vital to CA TF-7 US&R to achieve the goals set by FEMA. We are requesting the authorization of the City Manager to accept these funds. (The Assistance Award agreement is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Fire Department provides personnel to support the daily operation related to CA TF-7 US&R team, including training. Costs associated with implementation and execution of this grant will be covered by grant funds. 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 works 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).

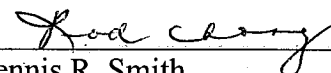
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Acceptance of federal US&R grant is consistent with City Council actions relative to state and federal grant awards,


ESBD EFFORTS:

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

Respectfully Submitted,


for Dennis R. Smith
Fire Chief

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-812

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF
FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA
TASK FORCE SEVEN URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to sign the Assistance Award to accept California Task Force Seven Urban Search and Rescue Team Weapons of Mass Destruction Administrative Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$740,000.

That operating grant revenue and expenditure appropriations are increased as follows:

Revenues:

250-OGR-GXXX-3513 Federal grant revenue \$740,000

Expenditures:

250-OGR-GXXX-41XX	Grant labor	\$490,000
250-OGR-GXXX-42XX	Grant supplies/serv	\$125,000
250-OGR GXXX-44XX	Grant safety supplies	<u>\$125,000</u>
		\$740,000

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____