



**Council Meeting: April 6, 2010**

**SUBJECT: Approval of Budget Modification No. 26 to Appropriate Department of Homeland Security Training Grant Funds in the Amount of \$8,258**

**BACKGROUND**

The Department of Public Safety participates in the annual State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) which provides funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to the County (Operational Areas) to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs for acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

Public Safety submits annual requests for training and equipment within the guidelines of the SHSGP guidance. The County Operational Area has established an approval authority that makes the determination on funding allocations that each requestor will receive based upon the relevance to the DHS priorities.

In September 2007, Council approved Public Safety's on-going participation in the MOU which governs the distribution of the funds through the State Homeland Security Grant Program (RTC 07-327).

**EXISTING POLICY**

4.1 Law Enforcement Sub-Element

Goal 4.1A: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community.

Action Statement 4.1A.1d: Maintain, train and equip special response teams for extraordinary or extremely hazardous emergency incidents.

Policy 4.1D.2: Provide effective and efficient management of Public Safety resources in order to meet the needs of: The community, the internal organization, and those mandated by regional, State, and Federal agencies.

Action Statement 4.1D.2b: Develop proposals and apply for appropriate governmental grants.

## 4.2 Fire Services Sub-element

Policy A.2. Provide training that is adequate for required duties.

Action Statements A.2d. Provide specialized training to establish a high level of expertise for extremely hazardous or critical operations.

### **DISCUSSION**

In October of 2009, the Sunnyvale Office of Emergency Services (OES) manager attended the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Conference in Orlando, Florida. The IAEM Annual Conference provides a forum for current trends and topics, information about the latest tools and technology in emergency management and homeland security, and advances IAEM committee work. Sessions encourage stakeholders at all levels of government, the private sector, public health and related professions to exchange ideas on collaborating to protect lives and property from disaster.

In October of 2009, three DPS Public Safety Officers participated in a CA State Fire Marshall's Certified Confined Space Rescue Technician training course. This was a 40-hour training course designed for firefighter first responders that provided training in the areas of confined spaces and permit-required confined spaces. The training covered several topics including hazard evaluation, atmosphere detection, personal protective equipment and CAL-OSHA requirements for rescue operations personnel.

In December, 2009, three DPS Public Safety Officers participated in a CA State Fire Marshall's Certified Rescue Systems II training course. This was a 40-hour training course designed for firefighter first responders which provided advanced heavy rescue system training. Key topics included: Structural building types, wood and mechanical shores, crib capacities, floor weight calculations, building search, confined space considerations, damaged structure hazard assessment, use of small power tools, air bags, and Urban Search and Rescue Incident Command System (USAR ICS).

The goals and objectives fit into the parameters for the SHSGP funding and staff submitted a request for tuition reimbursement, which was approved in the amount of \$8,258. Staff is now requesting a budget modification to receive the funds into a special project to offset tuition expenses incurred.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

In conjunction with the Department of Finance, Public Safety will establish a State Homeland Security Training Special Project for FY 2009/2010, and the expenditures associated with the tuition for the trainings will be transferred into the project. These funds will be offset by the funds received from the State Homeland Security Program, and therefore will have no net fiscal impact to the General Fund. Budget Modification No. 26 has been prepared to appropriate FY 2009/2010 grant revenues to cover the tuition expenditures.

**Budget Modification No. 26  
FY 2009/2010**

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Revised</b>
<b>General Fund</b>			
<u>Revenues</u>			
State Homeland Security Grant Program	\$0	\$8,528	\$8,528
<u>Expenditures</u>			
New Project: State Homeland Security Grant Program	\$0	\$8,528	\$8,528

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve Budget Modification No. 26 to appropriate SHSGP funds to offset costs incurred.
  
2. Do not approve Budget Modification No. 26 to appropriate SHSGP funds to offset costs incurred.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Alternative #1: Approve Budget Modification No. 26 to appropriate the SHSGP funds into a special project to offset costs incurred.

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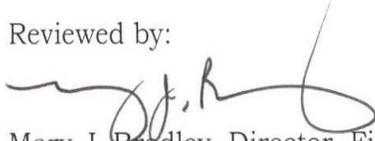
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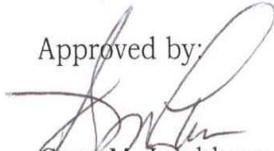
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