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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302977

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE SEP 20 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE DIRECTORATE [DHS/FEMA] FOR SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT AS SPONSORING AGENCY IN THE NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, in February 1992, Resolution No. 279396 authorized the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department [SDFD] to participate as a sponsoring agency in the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] National Urban Search and Rescue [US&R] Response System; and

WHEREAS, US&R is a nationwide network of task forces, designed to perform search and rescue operations at major catastrophic disasters at the direction of Department of Homeland Security/FEMA; and

WHEREAS, known as California Task Force 8 [CA-TF-8], San Diego's Task Force has been deployed to such incidents as the World Trade Center destruction and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, San Diego's CA-TF-8 includes team members from participating agencies county-wide; and

WHEREAS, the SDFD manages task force activities which include search, rescue, medical and technical functions; and

WHEREAS, as a sponsoring agency, SDFD coordinates training, maintains the personnel rosters and supply/equipment cache in readiness for deployment and ensures the efficient and timely deployment of the team when activated by DHS/FEMA; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of this program in 1992, program management costs, as well as supply/equipment/maintenance/training costs, have been funded by continuing grants from DHS/FEMA; and

WHEREAS, these grants are made available annually and require annual application; and

WHEREAS, the most recent grant award of \$769,500 will be applied to program management, training, equipment and maintenance costs for the period from June 2007 through September 2008; and

WHEREAS, program management includes 1.00 Battalion Chief, 1.00 Administrative Aide, 1.00 Cache Manager, and 1.00 Fire Captain; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching requirements for these grants; and

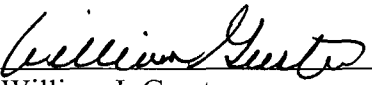
WHEREAS, in the event of activation, the personnel and non-personnel costs resulting from the team deployment are reimbursed to the City by DHS/FEMA via a claim reimbursement process, distinct from the grant program; and

WHEREAS, firefighting personnel within San Diego California Task Force 8 are the key stakeholders as this grant ensures their readiness for deployment to major disasters, strengthens their commitment to public safety, and enhances the reputation of the City of San Diego as a participant in nation-wide disaster preparedness; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego as follows:

1. That the Mayor or his delegate is authorized to accept a grant of \$769,500 from DHS/FEMA for San Diego Fire-Rescue Department as sponsoring agency in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System; and
2. That the Mayor or his delegate is authorized to apply for annual grants from DHS/FEMA enabling San Diego Fire-Rescue Department to continue as sponsoring agency in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, including any amendments, extensions, augmentations or renewals of funding from DHS/FEMA; and
3. That the Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to accept, appropriate, and expend funds from this grant program; and
4. That the Auditor and Comptroller is authorized to establish a special interest-bearing fund for this grant program.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By   
William J. Gersten  
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of SEP 11 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 9-20-07  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor