

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 305726

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE APR 12 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPT, ADMINISTER, APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND \$189,431 IN GRANT FUNDS AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR A BRUSH MANAGEMENT INSPECTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, as a result of the devastating 2007 Wildfires, the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department [SDFD] was budgeted to implement a brush management program designed to educate property owners relative to emergency preparedness and to enforce the City of San Diego's [City] brush management regulations on private property within the Wildland/Urban Interface areas; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the City is to create defensible space throughout the City through vegetation management practices aimed at reducing the wildfire threat to homes; and

WHEREAS, if vegetation is properly modified and maintained, a wildfire can be slowed, the length of the flames shortened, and the amount of heat reduced, all of which assist firefighters in defending a home against an oncoming wildfire; and

WHEREAS, there are a total of 42,818 private parcels which have been prioritized for inspection based on the severity of hazard they represent; and

WHEREAS, due to fiscal constraints, SDFD has been funded at a level to inspect only 15,415 parcels each year at full staffing levels, which represents only 36% of the total parcels prioritized for inspection; and

WHEREAS, SDFD is inundated with requests from various communities requesting inspections and educational materials and presentations that cannot be filled based upon the available resources; and

WHEREAS, SDFD is requesting \$189,431 in grant funds from the American Red Cross for approximately 5,642 additional Code Compliance Officer hours and approximately 612 additional data processing and clerical support hours to conduct a brush management inspection and public education program concerning the dangers of wildfires and how to prepare for wildfires; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching grant fund requirements; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will increase the number of parcels that can be inspected by 6,117 parcels for an increase of 14%, thus expediting the creation of defensible space areas throughout the City, which enhances public safety, and helps to save life and property during wildfires; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services City Council Committee unanimously recommended approval of the City's grant application; NOW THEREFORE,

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

1. That the Mayor or his designee is authorized and empowered, for and on behalf of the City, to accept, administer, appropriate, and expend grant funds from the American Red Cross, in an amount not to exceed \$189,431, for a brush management and public education program to fund additional Code Compliance Officer hours to perform proactive brush management inspections and provide public education in high fire hazard severity zones within the City, and for additional data processing and clerical support services [Program].

2. That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City, a grant fund agreement with the Red Cross for the Program.

3. That the City Comptroller is authorized to establish a grant fund if grant funding is received for the Program.

4. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to accept, appropriate, and expend an amount not to exceed \$189,431 in grant funds, contingent upon receipt of a fully executed grant agreement.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, 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 APR 06 2010

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By: Sara Richardson  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4.12.10  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor