

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 305727

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 \$100,000 IN GRANT FUNDS AND TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

WHEREAS, Southern California is considered a high hazard fire environment; and

WHEREAS, based on the past experience of the City of San Diego with wildfires, the City faces a risk of large, intense, and uncontrollable wildfires; and

WHEREAS, there are homes, subdivisions, businesses, and entire communities within this hazardous environment; and

WHEREAS, many homes would be unable to survive an intense wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the likelihood of life and property loss due to wildfires is great; and

WHEREAS, the ability to protect life and property in the City is enhanced through pre-fire activities, which are those actions taken before a wildfire occurs which improve the survivability of people and homes; and

WHEREAS, pre-fire activities include proper vegetation management around the home, otherwise known as defensible space, the use of fire resistant building materials, and appropriate subdivision design; and

WHEREAS, research demonstrates that pre-fire activities help to save life and property; and

WHEREAS, research indicates there are seldom sufficient firefighters or equipment to meet all community needs for up to 72 hours after a significant event; and

WHEREAS, the success of the response and recovery phase of a disaster is often dependent upon how well the communities are prepared; and

WHEREAS, educational materials play a critical role in helping communities be self-reliant; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department is requesting \$100,000 in grant funds from the American Red Cross to publish wildfire zone cards [Wildfire Zone Cards] for properties located within high fire hazard severity zones within the City; and

WHEREAS, these Wildfire Zone Cards will provide information concerning defensible space; signs, roads and driveways; smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and fire sprinklers, fireplaces and wood stoves; roofs and gutters; eaves, vents and siding; decks and windows; outdoor structures and storage; planning and evacuation; and personal preparedness; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching grant fund requirements; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services 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, 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 \$100,000, to publish Wildfire Zone Cards for properties located within high fire hazard severity zones within the City [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 American 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 \$100,000 in grant funds, contingent on the receipt of a fully executed grant agreement.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By Rachel C. Lipsky
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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 APR 06 2010

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Sara Richarda
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 4.12.10
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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