

STAFF REPORT

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Date: February 26, 2013

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Appropriation of Hazardous Management Preparedness Planning Grant from the California Emergency Management Agency**

Recommendation:

Approve the appropriation of \$10,422.24 in awarded grant funds from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA) Hazardous Management Preparedness Planning Grant (HMEP) to Revenue Account No. 399-3305-100 and corresponding Expense Account No. 399-4755-101.

Fiscal Impact:

\$10,422.24 is awarded in grant funding, with a 20% match of the total grant amount, in the sum of \$2,605.56, required for this grant.

Background:

The City of Lancaster was awarded grant funds from Cal-EMA to document and evaluate the Hazmat uses and transportation activities within the City, in order to improve public safety. Funding will be used for emergency planning purposes, emergency route identification, and response measures to aide first responding agencies in identifying potential problems and to predict future emergency actions. The data collected will be used to design and conduct a simulated Hazmat transportation emergency response scenario in coordination with our Emergency Operations Center (EOC), assigned staff, and CERT volunteers through the following actions:

- Acquire information on registered Hazmat handlers who use or transport materials, within or through the City of Lancaster, from the DOT, CUPA, CHP, BNSF, etc.
- Interview local Hazmat handlers and transporters to understand their operations, risks, and support needs.
- Interview local Fire Stations, Police Stations, CUPA's, and other responders to understand their response capabilities.
- Create GIS maps of business sites, transportation routes, and evacuation plans.
- Share data with first responders, through software, maps, and GIS layer files.
- Create instructions for EOC personnel, field staff, and CERT volunteers for response to Hazmat situations.
- Design and conduct an applicable exercise focused on a Hazmat transportation vehicle spill scenario within City limits.

Funds are received on a reimbursement basis and corresponding accounts have already been established. As such, staff recommends that the City Council appropriate the grant funds and authorize staff to expend the funds according to the grant agreement requirements.

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