

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 28, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant to the City of Reno Fire Department (RFD) on behalf of the TRIAD Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Response Team for a training in the amount of \$8,990.

From: Samantha Steere, Management Assistant

Department: Fire Department

Summary:

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program is intended to provide for Planning and Training to prevent, mitigate, and respond to hazardous materials incidents. Under this program, the Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) awarded the City of Reno Fire Department (RFD), on behalf of the TRIAD Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Response Team, \$8,990 for hazardous material training. This grant meets two of the goals laid out in the City’s Strategic Plan, Fiscal Sustainability and Public Safety. Staff recommends Council accept the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant awarded to the RFD on behalf of the Regional TRIAD HazMat Response Team \$8,990 (no match).

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	X	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		X
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Fiscal Sustainability

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Discussion:

Washoe County serves as a major fuel distribution hub for northern Nevada and parts of California. The Kinder Morgan pipeline terminates along Interstate 80 (I-80), and hundreds of fuel tankers are loaded every week at various racks throughout the facility. These fuel tankers present unique challenges to emergency responders in the event of accidents. Crews must accurately and swiftly assess the situation, determining necessary actions to protect life, property, and the environment. The grant funding will cover five (5) days of professional education services, comprising two (2) three (3)-hour sessions per day. The TRIAD is offering this course to every fire response vehicle crew and employee from the RFD, Sparks Fire Department (SFD), and Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue (TMFR).

These funds will be used to directly educate first responders in the proper management of a fuel tanker emergency. This class will allow the Regional TRIAD HazMat Response Team to provide a seamless response with mutual aid partners throughout the region and ensure that we are all operating under the same plan.

Financial Implications:

None to the General Fund. The grant has no match requirement.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law. The City, by accepting this HMEP grant, agrees to comply with the terms of the grant application, provide project and training information for evaluation to the granting organization, and provide progress and financial reports on program activities, which will be completed by the RFD. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council accept the grant award in the amount of \$8,990 and authorize the Fire Administrative Services Manager to electronically sign the acceptance of the grant award contract.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Grant Application

Signed Award Agreement – Washoe County