

STAFF REPORT

Date: September 25, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Grant Award from the Washoe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) through the Washoe County LEPC FY25 Operations, Planning, Training, & Equipment (OPTE) Grant to the Reno Fire Department, for HazMat suits, in an amount not to exceed \$16,620.76.

From: Samantha Steere, Management Assistant

Department: Fire Department

Summary:

The Reno Fire Department was awarded the Washoe County LEPC FY25 SERC Operations, Planning, Training, Exercise (OPTE) grant. This grant supports local hazardous materials emergency response plans and aims to further the response capabilities of first responders to hazardous materials incidents. Through this grant, the TRIAD Hazmat Team was awarded funds to purchase six new HazMat Encapsulating Suits to protect our first responders during regional Hazmat incidents. The program meets two goals in the City's Strategic Plan of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Safety. Staff recommends Council approve the acceptance of the grant in an amount not to exceed \$16,620.76.

| Consent Review | Yes | No |
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| 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? | 0.002% | |

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Fiscal Sustainability

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Discussion:

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grant Program is intended to support, sustain, and enhance LEPCs in order to perform their statutory responsibilities under state and federal law, and to perform all-hazards planning projects that support the LEPC mission of increasing awareness of chemical and all-hazards in their communities as well as preparing and mitigating for all-hazards through planning activities.

The FY24 Operations, Planning, Training, Exercise (OPTE) grant will allow the department to purchase HazMat suits. Hazmat encapsulating suits are specialized full-body protective clothing designed to shield first responders from hazardous materials such as chemicals, biological agents, and radioactive particles. These suits are critical for first responders in dangerous environments, enabling safe rescue, containment, and cleanup operations, while preventing contamination. The equipment awarded through this grant will help the TRIAD Hazmat Team improve the safety and effectiveness of our first responders.

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 \$16,620.76 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 \$16,620.76 and authorize the Mayor, the City Manager and/or the Fire Chief to sign the necessary documents.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Notice of Sub Award

Exhibit B – RFD – TRIAD Application