

STAFF REPORT

Date: February 22, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the Department of Homeland Security FY 2022 Emergency Performance Grant Program award to the City of Reno Fire Department for All-Hazards Emergency Preparedness in the amount of \$197,355.73 and committing to an in-kind match using already-budgeted and available resources. (General Fund)

From: Aaron Wike, Administrative Services Manager

Department: Fire Department

Summary:

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) provides assistance for the development, maintenance, and improvement of state and local emergency management capabilities. Under this program, FEMA has awarded the City of Reno \$197,355.73 which requires an in-kind match equal to the award amount. The City meets this in-kind match requirement through already budgeted personnel services and activity contributions related to emergency management. These emergency management services are a part of staff's assigned duties and do not require diverting any resources from existing work. This program meets two of the goals laid out in the City's Strategic Plan of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Safety. Staff recommends Council accept the grant.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Fiscal Sustainability

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

- Council accepted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Emergency Performance Grant Program (EMPG) in February 2021.
- Council accepted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Emergency Performance Grant Program (EMPG) in April 2022.

Discussion:

The Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security awarded the City of Reno Fire Department (RFD) the (FY) 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$197,355.73 with an in-kind match of \$197,355.73. The City meets this in-kind match requirement through already budgeted personnel services and activity contributions related to emergency management. The EMPG Program is a part of the 2022-2026 FEMA Strategic Plan that creates a shared vision for the field of emergency management and sets an ambitious, yet achievable, path forward to unify and further professionalize emergency management across the country. This grant award reimburses the RFD for personnel costs associated with emergency management and all-hazards preparedness as a part of FEMA's 2022-2026 strategic plan objectives and priorities.

In order to meet the objectives of the EMPG program, the RFD City Emergency Manager and Assistant Emergency Manager must maintain their emergency management certifications and develop a yearly work plan of trainings and workshops that align with FEMA's priorities for the grant. The goals and priorities for the (FY) 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program are to address areas for improvement identified through lessons-learned from recent disasters, to include the following:

- Logistics – Distribution Management Planning;
- Evacuation Plan/Annex;
- Disaster Financial Management;
- Catastrophic Disaster Housing; and
- Resilient Communications.

Financial Implications:

The FY 2022 EMPG award has a match requirement of \$197,355.73. The City meets this in-kind match requirement through already budgeted personnel services (Emergency Manager and Assistant Emergency Manager) and activity contributions related to emergency management, and no additional funding is needed to meet the requirement.

Legal Implications:

The City, by accepting this Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 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 Reno Fire Department. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council

Proposed Motion:

Staff recommends Council acceptance of the grant award in the amount of \$197,355.73 and authorizes the Fire Administrative Services Manager to electronically sign the acceptance of the grant award contract

Attachments:

FY 2022 EMPG Sub-Grantee Award