



Staff Report

City Council

Item No. {{section.number}}.G

Meeting Date: August 14, 2024

From: Michael Contreras, Fire Chief

Title: Acceptance of Two (2) Grants to Update the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

To accept two (2) grant awards from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$149,631.00 and in the amount of \$7,896.00 for subrecipient management costs (SRMC). Additionally, approve a grant from the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the amount of \$49,877.00 all to update the city's local hazard mitigation plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Cathedral City local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) was last revised in 2017 and is valid for 5 years. Staff identified the need for an update in November 2022 and applied for a grant to cover the cost of revising the LHMP.

DISCUSSION:

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is a comprehensive plan that identifies hazards, resources, capabilities, and any ordinances or safety procedures within the city. To be eligible for federal disaster funds, a city must have an LHMP on file. The LHMP details the who, what, where, and what resources we have. Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. It begins with local governments identifying natural disaster risks and vulnerabilities that are common in their area. After identifying these risks, they develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from similar events.

The total project cost is \$199,508.00. FEMA has awarded the city \$149,631.00 for the 75 percent Federal share. The 25 percent non-Federal share, which is \$49,877.00, has been granted by Cal OES. FEMA has also granted \$7,896.00 for the 100% Federal SRMC.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of the grants will require both an expenditure and revenue budget adjustment

to the FY 2024/2025 budget of \$207,404 in the Fire Department Special Revenue Grant Fund (259). There is no effect on the General Fund.

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:

E-4 Strengthen the City's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters by reviewing and updating the City's Emergency Operations Plans through annual training sessions and tabletop exercises

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Notification of Sub-application Approval Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Project #AP00986, FIPS #065-12048, Supplement #23