



## STAFF REPORT

DATE: JULY 5, 2011  
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: ROD FOSTER, CITY MANAGER  
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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Federal Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) FY 2009 in the amount of \$8,907 and approve Resolution R-63-11 amending the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget to include the grant.

### GOAL STATEMENT

The proposed action will support the City's goal to maintain an effective disaster planning program.

### BACKGROUND

In order to assist state and local governments in planning for and coordinating emergency response to natural, technological, biological, chemical, nuclear, or conflict-based emergencies, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides financial assistance through the Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG). This Grant has been in existence for many years and was previously titled Emergency Management Assistance Grant (EMA). EMPG funding is awarded to each state, which in turn directs the funds to individual counties for distribution to cities and districts.

### ISSUES/ANALYSIS

In California, Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) regulations require each county to form an Operational Area (OA), which represents participating cities and districts. The Operational Area coordinates planning, training and response to emergencies on a countywide basis, and the operating policies and procedures are determined by the Operational Area member jurisdictions. The Operational Area member jurisdictions have determined that in order to be eligible for EMPG funds, each jurisdiction must meet the following criteria:

- Be a signatory to the OA Agreement
- Designate an Emergency Program Manager
- Attend three of four OACC meetings each year
- Conduct or participate in an annual exercise using SEMS/NIMS
- Ensure the jurisdiction's Emergency Operations Plan is updated and includes a letter of Promulgation, Terrorism Annex, and a copy of letter of approval from State OES
- Matching funds in either hard or soft expenditures in Emergency Management Planning

The City meets these requirements and has received a check for the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 EMPG in the amount of \$8,907.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

Acceptance of the State Homeland Security Grant requires an amendment to the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget, increasing the Revenue Estimate in Account Number 225-5879 in the amount of \$8,907 and an increase of appropriations in Fire Department Account Number 225-6090-6091-2301 in the amount of \$8,907.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution R-63-11

