



Agenda Item

City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Tom Kisela, City Manager

FROM: Sean deMetropolis, Fire Chief

1. SUBJECT

Appropriation of \$159,990.75 in approved funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, administered by the California Office of Emergency Services and authorization for the City of Orange to pursue existing and future federal financial assistance grants through the California Office of Emergency Services. Resolution No. 11569.

2. SUMMARY

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that the City of Orange has been approved for funding to update its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, with the total project cost set at \$209,990.50. Staff is also requesting authorization to pursue additional grants.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt Resolution No. 11569. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange authorizing the application for federal financial assistance grant funding with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance for any existing or future grant program.
2. Accept into the City's revenue budget \$159,990.75 in grant funding from the California Office of Emergency Services to Reimbursable Capital Projects (550):
550.0000.45150.30248 LHMP
3. Authorize the appropriation of \$159,990.75 to Reimbursable Capital Projects (550):
550.0000.51670.30248 LHMP

4. FISCAL IMPACT

This grant consists of a 75% federal share and a 25% non-federal share match, which will be covered through the General Fund via in-kind staff labor time. The total expenditure for this project is \$209,990.50 and will be funded through:

550.0000.45150.30248	LHMP	\$ 159,990.75
100.XXXX.50002.30248	Salaries (various) - LHMP	\$ 49,999.75
	Total	\$ 209,990.50

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 1: Provide for a safe community

c: Enhance the emergency management system to provide public safety during times of disaster.

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a funding initiative supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and managed by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). HMGP provides funding opportunities to implement mitigation activities that reduce risk to life, property, and infrastructure from natural hazards such as wildfires, earthquakes, droughts, extreme weather, and flooding. This includes mitigation planning.

On April 11, 2024, FEMA informed CalOES that the City of Orange had obtained approval for Hazard Mitigation Grant funds to revise its existing Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). With this funding, the City of Orange will seek a qualified consultant to lead the coordination, facilitation, and development of an updated version of the City's expired LHMP, in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. This updated plan will focus on proactively addressing natural hazards, strategies to mitigate long-term risks to people and property from potential future disasters, and the establishment of a more resilient community.

Many federal and state grants necessitate a current LHMP for agencies to be considered eligible for funding. Presently, progression on a \$4.8 million storm drain project is on hold due to the outdated LHMP. Upon the approval of the LHMP revision, the City will then qualify to apply for the pending grant, as well as other future mitigation projects.

Adoption of Resolution No. 11569 will approve the appropriation of \$159,990.75 in HMGP federal funding and authorize the City of Orange to pursue current and future federal financial assistance grants through the California Office of Emergency Services.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 Resolution No. 11569
- Attachment 2 City of Orange Application Approval LHMP Update