



Agenda Item

City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Rob Houston, City Manager

FROM: Sean deMetropolis, Fire Chief

1. SUBJECT

Appropriation of \$25,748 in designated continuing education funding received from the Rancho Santiago Community College District.

2. SUMMARY

Rancho Santiago Community College District (Santa Ana College) partners with the Orange City Fire Department to provide reimbursement for mandatory training hours performed by staff. Staff is requesting acceptance of \$25,748 in revenue and its appropriation into the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Accept into the City's revenue budget \$25,748 in continuing education funds from Rancho Santiago Community College District into revenue account number 100.3023.48210.20234, General Fund - Santa Ana College Fire Training.
2. Authorize the appropriation of \$25,748 into expenditure account number 100.3023.51840.20234, General Fund - Santa Ana College Fire Training.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

The total appropriation for this reimbursement is funded by the additional revenue received from the Rancho Santiago Community College District.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 2: Be a fiscally healthy community

- a. Analyze future fiscal needs and potential revenue opportunities.

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The Orange City Fire Department (Fire Department) safety personnel are required to attend a minimum of 20 hours of training per month. Training is directed either by outside subject matter experts, or by Fire Department captains who have obtained 1A or 1B certification.

Rancho Santiago Community College District, Santa Ana College (College), receives state funds to administer this training and can redirect a portion of the funds to fire departments that enroll their personnel as students at the College. The Fire Department is a party to an agreement whereby the College pays the Department \$3.50 per firefighter for each hour of training the firefighter attends.

Such funds may be used for Fire Department training expenses and other operational needs.

Training curriculum sponsored by the College is chosen based on the guidelines set forth by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO). Curriculum is divided into several different courses that are required by Cal-OSHA and designed for large group instruction. The Fire Department utilizes subject matter experts to conduct the training to address the required material. Training hours are recorded and the total number of hours are then calculated each semester by the Fire Department's Training Captain and submitted as an invoice to the College.

Funds received from the College give the Fire Department the ability to pay for outside instructors when the department does not have a subject matter expert for required training. They also fund improved training aids, books, materials and equipment, as well as assisting with other operational needs beyond the Fire Department's available fiscal year budget.

The Fire Department recently received a check for \$25,748 from Rancho Santiago Community College District, which need to be appropriated into the Fire Department's budget.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- Standard Inter-Agency Instructional Services Agreement.