



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire Department
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: December 10, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT: Fire Department Equipment Donation, Acceptance of Non-Cash Donation
Greater than \$10,000**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Accept a non-cash donation of 60 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) backpacks equipped with tactical helmets and headlamps, 120 USAR Field Operations Guides, and 260 Hot Shield Wildland Kits with respirators, valued at \$80,000, from the Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance, a non-profit organization;
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request #BJE-0006480 (Attachment B) to appropriate the donation revenue in the Fire Department Fire Protection District Fund; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions do not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are the creation of a governmental funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

In May 2019, the Fire Protection District received a donation from the Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance for 60 USAR backpacks, 120 USAR Field Operations Guides and 260 Hot Shield Wildland Kits with Respiratory Protection Devices. The recommended action by the Board of Supervisors to accept the referenced non-cash donation is in accordance with California Government Code Section 25355, and Policies & Procedures for the Acceptance of Donations and Gifts to the County.

Background:

Urban Search and Rescue Backpacks and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Field Operations Guides

USAR is a dangerous undertaking often conducted in buildings that are fully or partially collapsed. Typically, these structures contain heavy debris with a high potential for additional collapse. When it comes to responding to USAR incidents, having the right search and rescue equipment is vital.

Although the Fire Protection District maintains a supply of USAR backpacks, it was not feasible to supply backpacks to each individual USAR responder. This generous donation allows the Fire Protection District to outfit all USAR responders with individual backpacks equipped with helmets and headlamps that meet the new industry standards. In addition, the Firefighters Alliance donated U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Field Operations Guides for all USAR responders. The guides are a compilation and summary of important strategic and tactical information, developed procedures, and reference materials.

Hot Shield Wildland Kits

The Hot Shield Wildland Kits are made up of the HS4 Hot Shield Face Mask and Sundstrom SR100 Half Face Respirator. The face mask provides thermal protection for the face and neck while the respirator provides lung protection. The Hot Shield mask significantly reduces the risk of facial burns through the use of highly thermally resistant materials. The outer shell of every Hot Shield mask is made of CarbonX fabric which does not burn, ignite, char, shrink or decompose at temperatures reaching and exceeding 2,000 degrees and is less weight than traditional personal protective equipment (PPE) materials.

This donation allows the Fire Department to outfit each safety and hand crew member with a Hot Shield Wildland Kit for use on urban interface, wildland, and structure defense.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Funding Sources	Total One-Time Project Cost
Other: Donation	\$80,000.00
Total	\$80,000.00

The referenced donations are not budgeted and will be an increase in appropriations. The associated Budget Revision is attached. The donation of the 60 USAR backpacks, 120 USAR Field Operations Guide publications, and the donation of the 260 Hot Shield Wildland Kits, valued at \$80,000, will be accounted for as a one-time appropriation of Miscellaneous Revenue-Other Donations.

Attachments:

- A. Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance Support Proposals and Donation Backup
- B. Budget Revision Request #BJE-0006480

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