



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: MARCH 4, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: ADAM LOESER, FIRE CHIEF

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT
AUTHORIZATION

SUMMARY

The Fire Department requests City Council authorization to execute documents for the City of Fullerton subrecipient participation in the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and enable staff to apply for funding annually, execute required agreements, receive and manage grant funds and submit reimbursement requests.

PROPOSED MOTION

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-XXX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, FIRE CHIEF AND DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE STATE AND FEDERAL AGREEMENTS AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024, FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND FISCAL YEAR 2026 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) FUNDS

2. Authorize City Manager, or designee, to appropriate receipt and use of EMPG funds upon award in the Grant Fund (Fund 32).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- Approve the Proposed Motion
- Do not approve the Proposed Motion
- Other options brought by City Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Proposed Motion.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager recommends approval.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability
- Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed resolution would allow the City to apply for and receive EMPG funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, 2025 and 2026 grant cycles. The City of Fullerton must provide a dollar-for-dollar cost match to participate in the program as an EMPG grant subrecipient. The City would meet this requirement through the City Emergency Preparedness Coordinator salary expenditures as the grant partially funds emergency management activities. EMPG operates on a reimbursement basis and participation would not have net fiscal impact to the City.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) administers the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) federal program to enhance state and local emergency management capabilities. EMPG funding supports all-hazards preparedness efforts, ensuring communities can effectively prevent, respond to and recover from disasters.

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) serves as the primary grant recipient, overseeing fund administration and allocation to local jurisdictions based on eligibility and need. The Orange County Sheriff's Department, which serves as the lead agency for the regional Operational Area, distributes EMPG funds within Orange County to subrecipient cities. The City of Fullerton receives federal funding to supplement local resources and enhance emergency management capabilities as a subrecipient.

Cal OES allows EMPG subrecipients to secure participation authorization through a Governing Body Resolution for up to three annual grant awards since 2020. The Fire Department received City Council authorization in March 2022. The proposed motion would authorize the City Manager, Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief to take actions to apply for and obtain funding for the FY 2024, FY 2025 and FY 2026 grant cycles. Additionally, staff requests authorization to manage documentation and administer grant funds for each respective award performance period through September 30, 2029.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Draft Resolution No. 2025-XXX

- Attachment 2 – Funding Allocation for Orange County Operational Area
- Attachment 3 – Cal OES Grant Management Memorandum 2020-18

cc: City Manager Eric J. Levitt