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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2017-18 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Subaward

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) FY 2017-18 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Subaward, appropriating the funds, and the using of pooled cash to cover the appropriation until grant funds are reimbursed.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council – Adopt a motion:

- A. Accepting and Appropriating Fiscal Year 2017-18 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Subaward funds in the amount of \$55,000, as revenue in account 001-0901-321-17-00; and,
- B. Appropriating \$55,000 to account 001-0901-522.17-00 for professional services; and,
- C. Authorizing the use of pooled cash to cover the appropriation until grant funds are reimbursed; and,
- D. Approving **Resolution 2017-55**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, authorizing the City Manager to execute the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2017-18 Grant Assurances Agreement, and;
- E. Authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

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ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or
- 2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff; or,
- 3. Deny; or,
- 4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items.

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200 – Powers
Charter of the City of Merced, Section 405 – Powers Vested in the City Council

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Public Safety as provided for in the 2017-18 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION

On July 1, 2017, the MFD submitted a grant application in the amount of \$55,000 through the 2017-18 Grant Cycle under the Cal OES Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Subgrant Program. No in-kind match is required nor needed for this grant.

The purpose of the grant is to increase effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials incidents and encouraging a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. To increase the safety of its community, the MFD intends to hire a consultant to conduct commodity flow studies and/or other Hazardous Materials transportation hazard analyses to determine the frequency and quantity of Hazardous Materials shipments being transported through our community. The study will also assess whether the MFD is appropriately trained to respond to incidents involving bulk shipments of energy products as well as other hazardous materials. MFD will bring an Agreement to hire a consultant to the City Council for consideration of approval at a future meeting. Using the consultant's study and assessment, the MFD will identify hazardous material planning needs in the following areas:

- ☐ Hazardous material response equipment deficiencies/needs.
- ☐ Hazardous material response training, preplan incident response.
- ☐ Hazardous material transportation incident prevention, response, and mitigation.
- ☐ Identify the need to establish a hazardous material response team or develop a multi-agency team.
- ☐ Identify potential effectiveness of mutual aid to be received.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

There is no cost to the City, as grant funds fully subvent this project and no match is required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2017-55
2. 2017-18 HMEP Grant Award Letter