



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Funds for the Purchase of Confined Space and Technical Rescue Equipment

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider accepting additional Fiscal Year 2016 SHSGP funds for the purchase of Confined Space and Technical Rescue Equipment, and to appropriate supplemental funds to complete the purchase.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving **Resolution 2017-27**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, authorizing the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to execute the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services FY2016 Grant Assurances Agreement; and,
- B. Accepting Fiscal Year 2016 SHSGP grant funds in the amount of \$9,900.00 as revenue in the Intergovernmental - State Government Grants - Other State Grants account 001-0901-324.02-00; and,
- C. Appropriating \$9,900.00 to the Machinery/Equipment account 001-0901-522.26-00 to purchase Confined Space and Technical Equipment; and,
- D. Authorizing the use of pooled cash to cover the appropriation until grant funds are reimbursed.

### 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; or,
- 5. Continue to a future meeting.

### AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200 - Powers  
Charter of the City of Merced, Section 405 - Powers Vested in the City Council  
Charter of the City of Merced, Section 1105 - Budget Appropriations

### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Public safety, as provided for in the Fiscal Year 16/17 Adopted Budget.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Merced County Office of Emergency Services (OES) has awarded the City of Merced \$9,900.00 from the Fiscal Year 2016 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) for the purchase of Confined Space and Technical Rescue Equipment. The purchase of this equipment will improve the response capabilities for the City of Merced Fire Department and increase firefighter safety when operating during these types of emergencies. The items being purchased include: water rescue equipment to support rescue operations, trench rescue equipment to increase responder safety when working in and around trenches, rescue harnesses for responder safety during confined space rescue emergencies, communications equipment for confined space rescue emergencies, as well as additional rescue equipment to increase the safety during responses.

The Merced Fire Department has specialized rescue teams consisting of confined space rescue, trench rescue, high/low angle rope rescue, and water rescue. Each member of the Merced Fire Department has been trained to the state certified Rescue Systems I level.

Within the parameters and requirements of the grant program, the Fiscal Year 2016 Office of Emergency Services State Homeland Security Grant Programs - Equipment, Planning, Administration, Training and Exercises Agreement and the FY 2016 Grant Assurances Agreement have been previously completed and are on file with the Merced County OES.

## **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

There is no cost to the City, as grant funds fully cover this purchase and no match is required. However, pooled cash will be utilized to cover the appropriation until grant funds are reimbursed.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution 2017-27
2. FY 2016 SHSGP Funding for Equipment, Planning, Administration, Training and Exercises Agreement
3. FY 2016 SHSGP Standard Assurances