



Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors

CALL AND NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING

June 7, 2017

5:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING ADDRESS:

Hacienda de las Flores
Mosaic Room
2100 Donald Drive
Moraga, CA 94556

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- 1.1. Call the meeting to Order
- 1.2. Roll Call
- 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.4. Core Values – *Service, Honor, Integrity*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public is invited to speak on any matter not appearing on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District. Comments should be limited to three minutes. Please state your name and address for the record.

3. REGULAR AGENDA

- 3.1. **Approval to Accept 2016 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant**
Staff will provide information to the Board regarding the 2016 FEMA AFG Award.
Staff Recommendation: 1) Discuss; 2) Deliberate; 3) Accept the 2016 FEMA AFG award and direct staff to make adjustments to the proposed FY17/18 Capital Budget accordingly
- 3.2. **2016 FEMA SAFER Grant Application**
Staff will present information to the Board regarding the 2016 FEMA SAFER Grant Application.
Staff Recommendation: 1) No action required; Informational purposes only.

4. ADJOURNMENT

This agenda is posted pursuant to the provisions of the Government Code commencing at Section 54956

The date of posting is June 6, 2017.

MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT

Grace Santos
Clerk to the Board

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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jerry Lee, Battalion Chief
DATE: June 7, 2017
SUBJECT: Item 3.1 – Approval to Accept 2016 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

BACKGROUND

In the summer of 2016, MOFD staff submitted a grant application to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the purchase of four (4) self-loading gurney systems in the amount of \$175,896. These systems incorporate a battery-powered hydraulic lifting system. Once positioned behind the ambulance, the system hydraulically lifts the patient to improve operator and patient safety by supporting the cot throughout the loading and unloading process. These systems are highly sought after by ambulance providers throughout the country. The cost has prohibited MOFD from acquiring these systems.

On May 19, 2017, MOFD received a notice of award. According to FEMA guidelines, MOFD has 30 calendar days to accept or decline the award (June 18, 2017). Acceptance of this award will require MOFD to provide a 10% matching fund of the original proposed grant budget. This amount is \$15,990. Since the time of grant application, the estimated cost per system increased approximately \$4k from \$35,821 to \$39,718, with a potential cost of an additional \$16k to MOFD. If this grant is accepted, a competitive bidding process and an amendment request to FEMA for additional funding or change in scope may reduce or eliminate this unanticipated cost.

FISCAL IMPACT

In the proposed FY17/18 Capital Budget, \$35k was budgeted to purchase two (2) standard gurneys for the new arriving ambulances. The self-loading gurney systems from this award will supplant the cost of this purchase. By accepting this award, MOFD will acquire four (4) state-of-the-art gurney systems and eliminate the planned purchase of two standard gurneys in FY17/18. Staff estimates the maximum matching funds needed will be \$30k.

The proposed FY17/18 Capital Budget may be reduced by \$5k. The realized savings may be more depending on the outcome of the competitive bidding process and/or amendment request. MOFD may also return the grant award to FEMA at any time so long as funds are not drawn.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board accept the 2016 FEMA AFG award and direct staff to make adjustments to the proposed FY17/18 Capital Budget accordingly.



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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jerry Lee, Battalion Chief
DATE: June 7, 2017
SUBJECT: Item 3.2 – 2016 FEMA SAFER Grant Application
Information Only: No Action Required

BACKGROUND

In the winter of 2016, staff submitted a grant application to the FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Grant (SAFER). The intent of this grant is to help organizations increase or maintain the number of trained firefighters in their communities. Under this grant, a newly hired firefighter's salary and benefits are eligible for reimbursement. Other costs such as overtime, uniforms, protective equipment, and training are not eligible.

The period of performance for the SAFER is three years. FEMA will pay 75% of the cost for years one and two, and 35% for year three. If awarded, the fire department is required to provide matching funds of 25%, 25%, and 65% over the three year period of performance.

In addition, SAFER guidelines require the fire department to retain their "maintenance number" throughout the three-year period of performance. The maintenance number is defined as the number of rostered full-time firefighters at the time of award plus the number of new SAFER firefighters (54 v. 58). If at any time during the period of performance, a firefighter separates from the department for any reason, the fire department must rehire to fill the vacant position. By accepting the grant, the fire department is committed to maintaining this new minimum roster number of firefighters for three years.

MOFD requested funding from FEMA for four (4) positions in the amount of \$1,391,200 over a three (3) year period. The breakdown of this request is as follows:

	Year 1 (25% / 75%)	Year 2 (25% / 75%)	Year 3 (65% / 35%)	Total
Estimate Cost (4 positions)	752,000	752,000	752,000	\$2,256,000
Total Applicant Share	\$188,000	\$188,000	\$488,000	\$864,800
Total Federal Share	\$564,000	\$564,000	\$263,200	\$1,391,200

Notification of awards will begin in the fall of 2017. Submission of an application does not commit the District to the grant if awarded. In addition, MOFD may decline the grant.

RECOMMENDATION

No action required - information only.