



# City of La Quinta

**CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE:** March 17, 2015

**ITEM TITLE:** ACCEPT EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** 11

**STUDY SESSION:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Accept \$1,791.50 in emergency services grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- The Riverside County Fire Department Office of Emergency Services received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that there are excess grant funds available from last year's allocation.
- As the grant funds must be used immediately or will be lost, staff identified an existing bid for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) backpacks in the amount of \$1,791.50 for the funds request.
- The requested amount will be used to cover 100 percent of the cost for 40 CERT backpacks, with supplies, for the May 2015 La Quinta CERT class.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The State Homeland Security Grant Program, which is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, supports the planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and

recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. The Riverside County Fire Department Office of Emergency Services was recently notified that there was an availability of excess grant funds from this program, which can be used for emergency preparedness programs without the requirement of a grant application.

As the funds need to be used within a short period of time or will be lost and there was not enough time for a bid process to identify vendors for other possible emergency preparedness program needs, the existing bids for CERT backpacks will allow for immediate usage of the funds. These funds will be used to purchase CERT backpacks and supplies that are required to be provided to each student in every CERT class. The grant funds will cover the entire cost of the required backpacks with supplies for the May 2015 La Quinta CERT class.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

As the grant money offsets costs that would normally be expended by the City, staff does not recommend an alternative.

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