

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal From: Dave Bertka
Dept: City Manager Dept: Fire
Subject: 2009 FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY GRANT Date: April 27, 2010

OBJECTIVE

To request City Council approval to accept the 2009 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant (FP&S) award of \$9,842 for Arson Prevention / Investigation.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters program oversees the administration of the FP&S grants. The FP&S grant program supports projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and reduce injury and prevent death. This grant requires an 80/20 percent cost share of the total project cost.

In September 2009, the FP&S grant application period opened for fiscal year 2009. The FP&S program received 2,145 applications nationwide, of which five percent or 99 were from California, one of the 99 was from Garden Grove submitted on October 22, 2009, to meet Fire Education and Arson Prevention/Investigation needs.

On April 05, 2010, the Fire Department received notification that it had successfully been awarded the grant for a total project cost of \$12,302. The Federal share is 80 percent or \$9,842, and the Fire Department's share is 20 percent or \$2,460.

DISCUSSION

This grant will afford the Fire Department the ability to purchase equipment for arson investigation, training and conference costs for the latest in arson investigation techniques, and fire/arson prevention education materials for the community. The cost breakdown with cost share is as follows:

	Total	80% Cost Share: FP&S	20%Cost Share: Fire
Training / Conference	\$5,040	\$4,032	\$1,008
Arson Investigation Equipment	\$4,260	\$3,408	\$852
Fire/Arson Education Materials	\$3,002	\$2,402	\$600
Total Cost	\$12,302	(\$9,842)	(\$2,460)

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There is no negative financial impact to the General Fund. Proposition 172 funding, which is restricted for public safety, will be used to cover Garden Grove's required portion of the FP&S Grant.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Authorize the Fire Department to accept the 2009 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant award of \$9,842.



DAVE BERTKA
Fire Chief

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Administrative Analyst

Recommended for Approval


Matthew Fertal
City Manager