



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 6/21/2022

ITEM NO: 13

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DATE: June 8, 2022  
TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager  
SUBJECT: Authorize the Following Actions Related to the Cal OES Pass Through Grant Subaward:  
a. Accept a California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Pass Through Grant Subaward in the Amount of \$7,000,000 for Public Safety and Emergency Resiliency;  
b. Authorize a Revenue and Expenditure Budget Adjustment in the Amount of \$7,000,000 to Receive and Disburse the Subaward; and  
c. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute Subrecipient Agreements with the Implementing Agencies to Disburse the Cal OES Pass Through Grant Subaward Based on the Original Grant Request

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the following actions related to the Cal OES Pass Through Grant Subaward:

- a. Accept a California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Pass Through Grant Subaward in the amount of \$7,000,000 for Public Safety and Emergency Resiliency;
- b. Authorize a revenue and expenditure budget adjustment in the amount of \$7,000,000 to receive and disburse the subaward; and
- c. Authorize the Town Manager to execute subrecipient agreements with the implementing agencies to disburse the Cal OES Pass Through Grant Subaward based on the original grant request

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 7, 2021, the West Valley cities (Town of Los Gatos, City of Monte Sereno, City of Saratoga, City of Cupertino, and City of Campbell) together with Santa Clara County Fire Department (SCCFD) submitted a State Assembly budget request for public funds to enhance the public safety and emergency resiliency of the West Valley cities in the event of wildfire, earthquake, and other humanmade and natural disasters.

**PREPARED BY:** Stephen Conway  
Finance Director

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Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, Finance Director

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BACKGROUND (continued):

The request, in collaboration with Assemblymember Evan Low, was presented to the Assembly Budget Committee and was ultimately approved. Town of Los Gatos has been appointed by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to be the subrecipient of the funds totaling \$7,000,000 and is responsible for distributing the funds to the subrecipient West Valley cities listed in Attachment 1

DISCUSSION:

The full funding of \$7.0 million was received this fiscal year. Below is a summary of the requested amounts and the associated programming:

The Defensible Space Wildland Fire Specialist Program will help the Town of Los Gatos along with the Cities of Monte Sereno, Saratoga, and Cupertino implement a pilot defensible space Wildland Fire Specialist Program for our communities to be implemented and overseen by Santa Clara County Fire Department (SCCFD). The amount requested for this program is \$2.0 million.

The City of Campbell requested funding for a Resilient Emergency and Police Department Operations Center (EOC/DOC) project. The total amount requested for this is \$3.9 million and would help them fund for the design and construction of the new Emergency and Police Department Operations Center. The initial plan for this project was to be funded through an approved Measure O obligation fund in 2018. Due to significant revenue declines caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the projected Measure O bond proceeds were not met. With the help of this funding, the City can provide long-lasting and resilient benefit to the Campbell community and West Valley region.

Along with the projects previously mentioned, \$1.0 million will be allocated to City of Cupertino. With this money, \$500,000 will be appropriated towards a one-time Business Continuity and Resilience program and the other \$500,000 will be appropriated for emergency coordination and communication enhancement in the Emergency Operations Center.

The remaining \$100,000 will be allocated to City of Saratoga. With this allocation, the City will organize an incentive program that will encourage property owners to harden structures against fire in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). This program will prioritize older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with economic hardships.

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CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute agreements with the implementing cities and authorize the revenue and expenditure budget adjustments.

COORDINATION:

This report and the agreements were coordinated with the Town Attorney's and the Town Manager's Offices.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If Council approves this item, the Town will receive the subgrant and distribute the entire proceeds to the implementing cities based on their original requests.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The requested actions are not considered a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Cal EOS Pass Through Grant Subaward for Public Safety and Emergency Resiliency
2. Agreement with City of Campbell
3. Agreement with Santa Clara County Fire Department
4. Agreement with City of Cupertino
5. Agreement with City of Saratoga