



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 05/14/2024

REQUESTER: David Grizzle

PRESENTER: David Grizzle, Emergency Management Coordinator

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A SUB-GRANTEE AWARD #1480.506 CERT TEAM PROJECT/IJ #8 **EXTENSION** IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,434.34 FROM HOMELAND SECURITY TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE CITIZENS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING (CERT) PROGRAM FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT K-2324-129 EXTENSION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

During August 2023, the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security gave notice of a funding opportunity to support local Citizens Corps programs with a grant up to \$10,000. This purpose of this grant is to support local Emergency Management programs that operate and maintain a Citizens Emergency Response Training (CERT) program. Homeland Security first approved \$5,051.92. This included items to enhance the emergency management response capability and the offer to resubmit for the remaining amount.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is a training program that prepares citizens to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community. Through CERT, citizens can learn about disaster preparedness and receive training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and medical operations. With this training, volunteers can provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims before emergency first responders arrive on scene.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Norman Emergency Management Division satisfied the expenditure of the previous approvals for the grant and submitted a request for an extension of the grant.

The request for funds for the extension included a fire training system. This system uses a propane based fire and is extinguished with dry chemical extinguishers to replicate the experience of extinguishing a fire that might be common to a home or office fire. Along with the system the request included ten dry chemical refillable extinguishers that will be used in training. This system will be utilized to train volunteers and utilized at various preparedness venues to allow the public to experience using a live extinguisher. The Norman Fire

Department Fire Prevention Division has access to the system so it may be used in their prevention activities and training in private sector businesses.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the grant extension received in the amount of \$4,434.34 be receipted into the Special Grants Fund revenue account Emergency Management / Other Revenue (account 226-333360) and appropriated to Emergency Management/Minor Equipment and Tools (account 22695508-43610), and Contract K-2324-129 extension be approved.

The expenditure and revenue accounts project number is GF0080.