



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/09/2024

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 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,051.92 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 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.

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 has operated and trained CERT from 2004 and the volunteers have contributed thousands of valuable person-hours to the City. The amount requested was \$9,988.27. Homeland Security approved \$5051.92. This included items to enhance the emergency management response capability and the offer to resubmit for the remaining amount.

The grant is to provide some ancillary equipment needed to enhance the response capability. Folding tables needed for internal and external workspace, internal radio capability to maintain communications within the team members, rechargeable flashlights to mount and maintain in the trailer, medical response bag to provide an ability to equip a second aid team, mini warehouse fans to assist in distributing airflow inside the trailer and the team's command tent, a whisper quiet generator large enough to operate minimum capabilities of the trailer and/or support the operation of the command tent. A whisper quiet generator is more suited for disaster and non-disaster events when the volume of a standard generator is too much for the situation. It is also to procure miscellaneous support items; a projector to be used in disaster and non-disaster events for enhancing any visuals needing displayed, an outdoor projector screen, lightweight and may be used for presentations or display any visuals supporting any event. Large duffel cart with CERT logo, a go bag to hold miscellaneous items, cords, small equipment. A smart television for monitoring local media.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the grant received in the amount of \$5,051.92 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 be approved.

The expenditure and revenue accounts project number is GF0080.