



**DATE:** October 16, 2018

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Fire Chief

**SUBJECT** Authorization for the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate up to \$30,000 Annually for the Next Five Years in Grant Funding from the County Office of Homeland Security for the Community Emergency Response Team Program

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approves the attached resolution (Attachment II) authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate up to \$30,000 annually for the next five years from the County Office of Homeland Security for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

### **SUMMARY**

For the past several years, the City's Fire Department has received a sub-recipient grant through Alameda County's State Homeland Security Grant Program to run its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Staff is requesting that Council authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of this funding source for the next five years, not to exceed \$30,000 each year. If the Council authorizes this action, staff will appropriate the funding into the Fire Department's budget and provide CERT program services per the terms and conditions of the grant.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

For the past several years, the City's Fire Department has received a sub-recipient grant through Alameda County's State Homeland Security Grant Program to run its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. California Office of Emergency Services provides the funding to the County. The County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Service then sub-grants funding to local jurisdictions to provide CERT services in their communities.

Fire Department staff uses this funding to run the annual CERT classes for community members. Participants in the course learn skills that will enable them to provide emergency assistance to their families and neighbors as well as organize a neighborhood team response in the event of a major disaster. The training involves instructions in light fire suppression,

hazardous materials situations, first aid, and search and rescue techniques. The course happens at least twice a year and is scheduled once a week for five consecutive weeks.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

This grant does not require a match and will have no impact on the City's funds.

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

This agenda item is a routine operational item and does not directly relate to one of the Council's Strategic Initiatives.

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