

**Agenda Item: Grant****Title: Grant Award Agreement in the amount of \$106,263.60 between the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and the City of Laramie Fire Department Regional Emergency Response Team #3.****Recommended Council MOTION:**

Acceptance of Grant Award

"I move to accept the grant award from the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security in the amount of \$106,263.60 (One Hundred Six Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty Three Dollars, and Sixty Cents) to the City of Laramie Regional Emergency Response Team #3; and authorize the Fire Chief, City Manager, and Mayor to sign; and amend the 2019-2020 fiscal year City of Laramie Budget."

Administrative or Policy Goal:

The grant award plays an important role in improving the ability of RERT #3 – City of Laramie Fire Department to prevent a threatened or an actual act of terrorism; protect citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States; mitigate the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future catastrophic events; respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of an incident; and recovery with a focus on timely restoration.

Background:

The concept of the State of Wyoming Regional Emergency Response Teams first appeared on the legislative agenda of the Wyoming Fire Chiefs in the mid 1990's in reaction to an awareness that no jurisdiction had sufficient hazardous materials response capability to address the potential for catastrophic events. The State Fire Chiefs moved the issue onto the legislative agenda of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and by 2000, Office of Justice Program Grants had been secured to begin the process of developing teams. September 11, 2001 added impetus to the initiative, resulting in the creation of the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and passage of the Wyoming Emergency Response Act. Regional teams became a focus of the Governor's office and 6 regional teams were created. There are now 8 regional teams in the state. This grant represents the annual Department of Homeland Security contribution toward the sustainment expenses of RERT #3. Funding levels for the regional teams are based on project application and submissions.

RERT teams are assets of the State of Wyoming. Accepting designation as a team and receiving the supporting grant funding obligates the Laramie Fire Department to provide response personnel upon activation of the team by order of the Governor. Extraordinary expenses of deployment are a State of Wyoming responsibility.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

The grant funds are distributed to the State of Wyoming by the Fiscal Year 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program, State Homeland Security Program. The program is authorized by the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:

REVENUE

| Source | Amount | Type |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Fees/Charges for Service | | |
| Grants for Projects | \$106,263.60 | Grant Award - WOHS |
| Loans on Project | | |
| Other | | |
| Total | \$106,263.60 | |

EXPENSE

Proposed Cost (Approval of this item authorizes preparation of a budget revision for the proposed amount)

| Expenditures | Amount | Fund |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Proposed Expenditure | \$106,263.60 | Acct 100-3045-422-7410 Project Code FDRT19 |
| Current Budget | | |
| Additional Amount Requested | | |
| Total Proposed Budget | \$106,263.60 | |

Responsible Staff: Dan Johnson, Fire Chief
Joe Mathews, Hazardous Materials Coordinator

Attachments:

1. Grant Award Agreement