

**REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL****TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

DATE: May 27, 2014

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR A STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO BE USED TO FUND SPANISH SPEAKING OUTREACH, TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MONUMENT CORRIDOR**

**Report in Brief**

Staff is recommending the City Council adopt Resolution No. 14-45 authorizing the acceptance of a \$20,000 grant from the State Homeland Security Grant Program and appropriating the funds to purchase equipment and training materials for Spanish speaking emergency preparedness outreach in the Monument Corridor.

**Background**

On May 18, 2013, a full-scale functional exercise conducted by the Concord Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers was held in the Concord Park area of Todd and Lynne Avenue and Cross Way. It provided vital information related to emergency preparedness integration within the Spanish speaking community in Concord. During the exercise monolingual Spanish speaking citizens were purposefully assigned to play as earthquake victims in the neighborhood. It quickly became apparent that the written materials and signage, all written in English only, created additional obstacles in the disaster response efforts.

During the debriefing after the exercise, residents of the Latino community voiced an enthusiasm and potential to bring emergency preparedness to the Monument Corridor. Recognizing the importance for personal preparedness throughout the Concord community as a whole, the Concord Office of Emergency Services made a commitment to further this obligation and fill the gaps that were evident during the exercise.

Concord's Office of Emergency Services met with Managers, staff and volunteers at the Michael Chavez Center and developed strategies to engage leaders in the Monument Corridor to get trained in emergency preparedness. It was also determined that due to the density of the population and socioeconomic disparity of the Monument Corridor, grant funds to purchase equipment for six apartment complexes and translation of written materials from English to Spanish would be needed.

To date, Concord hosted a Spanish speaking emergency preparedness train-the-trainer course in April of 2014. Eleven Concord residents and volunteers from the Monument Corridor are trained and ready to teach.

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**Discussion**

The Concord Police Department is a collaborative partner with The Monument Community Partnership and the Michael Chavez Center, a non-profit serving densely populated Spanish speaking communities in Concord. While the Michael Chavez Center has multiple goals in working with the Latino community in the Monument Corridor, our efforts are tied to civic engagement, networking and safety related to emergency preparedness outreach. Staff is recommending that the anticipated receipt of \$20,000 in grant funding be used to support the partnership between the Concord Police Department and the Monument Corridor. This Spanish speaking outreach, training and equipment is designed to promote personal preparedness, response and resiliency related to large emergencies and disasters in Concord. This work will also become a model for the greater Bay Area.

Staff is well prepared to implement the 2014/2015 Spanish speaking emergency preparedness outreach and training in partnership with The Michael Chavez Center and its volunteers. Council's adopting of Resolution No. 14-45 will ensure the funding necessary for successful outreach, training and equipment to the Monument Corridor.

**Fiscal Impact**

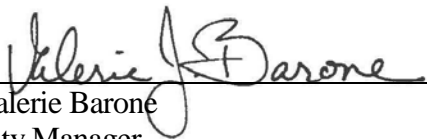
No additional costs will be incurred by the City for implementation of these grant funded programs; however acceptance of the grants will trigger certain reporting requirements. Acceptance of the grant and appropriation of the funds for training, outreach and exercises will allow the City to reduce funding authorized for these services through the Police Department's Office of Emergency Services and volunteer programs.

**Public Contact**

Posting of the City Council Agenda.

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 14-45 authorizing the acceptance of a \$20,000 State Homeland Security Grant Program and appropriating the funds to purchase equipment and Spanish speaking training materials for the Monument Corridor.



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**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONCORD  
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Spanish  
Emergency Preparedness Training Materials,  
Equipment and Outreach for the Monument  
Corridor Utilizing Funds from the State Homeland  
Security Grant Program for the 2014/15 Fiscal Year**

**Resolution No. 14-45**

**WHEREAS**, the State Homeland Security Grant Program initiated funding for Spanish emergency preparedness training materials and equipment for the Monument Corridor entitled 2014/2015 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Homeland Security Grant Program initiated funding allocating up to \$20,000 in grant funds for the Concord Police Department’s Office of Emergency Services to be used for equipment and materials for training in the Monument Corridor in 2014/2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Concord Police Department will utilize these funds to purchase Spanish training materials, equipment and outreach materials for the implementation and training of emergency preparedness to Spanish speaking citizens in the Monument Corridor.

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable to the City of Concord to utilize these funds for these purposes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONCORD DOES  
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Accepts these funds and authorizes they be used to fund the 2014/2015 to be used to purchase equipment and Spanish speaking emergency preparedness training in the Monument Corridor.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Concord on May 27, 2014 by the following vote:

- AYES:** Councilmembers -
- NOES:** Councilmembers -
- ABSTAIN:** Councilmembers -
- ABSENT:** Councilmembers -

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution No. 14-45 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular joint meeting of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Concord on May 27, 2014.

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Mary Rae Lehman, CMC  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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