



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GRANT

DATE: AUGUST 9, 2004

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION

BY:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LENNY GOODSIR, FIRE CAPTAIN, (714) 754-5144

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Budget Adjustment No. 05-009, in the amount of \$350,000.00.
2. Authorize the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk to execute the Training Agreement between the City of Costa Mesa Fire Department and Rancho Santiago Community College District.
3. Accept grant funds from Rancho Santiago Community College District to build a two-story, steel training tower.

BACKGROUND:

Rancho Santiago Community College District has grant funds available, to enhance fire-training facilities throughout the County of Orange, including the Cities of Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Santa Ana, North-Net Training Facility and Central-Net Training Facility. Each agency was given the ability to expend \$350,000.00 for enhancement of these training facilities. Costa Mesa Fire Department would like to utilize the grant funds, to add onto our existing training tower. This addition will allow the Fire Department to use the facility for "live" fire training, using clean burning technology.

ANALYSIS:

The purpose of the training facility enhancement is to provide improved training for our Fire Department personnel. This training tower addition looks like a typical motel or apartment complex in appearance, with an outside staircase and balcony leading into the 2nd floor. The 1st floor will be open area with movable walls for search and rescue. The 2nd floor will have propane powered burn room with bunk bed props. The roof will be split-level half flat and half pitched, each area will have chop out props for ventilation. The addition will be connected to the existing tower so personal can enter from two sides.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

An alternative to purchasing the tower addition with Rancho Santiago Community College District grant funds, is to build it with General Fund monies. It is not recommended that the City forgo the purchase of said facility, due to the necessity of training for our fire personnel. The Fire Department believes that this is a great opportunity to enhance our training facility with little, or no cost, to the City of Costa Mesa.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The attached budget adjustment (BA 05-009) appropriates the \$350,000 grant monies for the Fire Training Facility to be accounted for as a capital project in the Capital Improvement Fund. It should be noted that once the facility is built, the City will incur maintenance costs including electricity and propane use. At this time, the estimated maintenance cost is unknown, which may be offset from rent revenues in the future. The Fire Department has indicated that the crew at Station 4 will maintain the facility.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has approved the Agreement as to form and legality.

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Fire Chief

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Director of Finance

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Acting City Attorney

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Acting City Attorney
Deputy City Clerk
Director of Finance
Staff
Santa Ana College, Director of Fire Technology

ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Budget Adjustment 05-009](#)
2 [Agreement](#)