



City of San Gabriel  
**STAFF REPORT**

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DATE: May 15, 2018  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Mark Lazzaretto, City Manager *ML*  
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SUBJECT: **2015 State Homeland Security Grant Program**

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**SUMMARY**

*The San Gabriel Fire Department (SGFD) was awarded funds from the 2015 State Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$35,000. SGFD is able to use these funds to fund projects from the Department of Homeland Security Approved Equipment List (AEL) and to provide US&R training. This staff report is to identify the varying projects that would enhance the capabilities of the Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) team and provide necessary equipment.*

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**INTRODUCTION**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides funding to state and local governments through the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). In past years, the City has received several such grants to fund equipment and training for police officers, firefighters, and emergency managers. Since the inception of the San Gabriel Fire Department US&R Program, the SHSGP has assisted with funding the program with regard to providing funding for US&R related equipment and US&R training.

**ANALYSIS**

SGFD is allocated \$35,000 of which \$20,000 is dedicated to equipment and \$15,000 is dedicated toward US&R related training. With regard to equipment, the funds would be used to purchase equipment related to rope rescue, confined space rescue, search operations, and breaking and breaching of collapsed structures. With regard to training, the funds will be used to provide backfill for the members attending approved training courses if they are on-duty. These funds also cover registration and travel expenses in the form of lodging, fuel, and food if the course is out of the area and commuting is not viable.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council make a motion to increase the Fire Department Budget by \$35,000 to account #122-761-57-99-380. Staff further recommends that the City Council make a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to accept the SHSGP grant to Account #186-3215 and purchase the items under the City's purchasing policy.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This is a State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) grant. Initial outlay of already spent funds is \$35,000, but would be fully reimbursed, with no matching funds.

**PUBLIC NOTICE PROCESS**

This item has been noticed through the regular agenda notification process.