

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE January 3, 2017	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Benetti and City Councilors

FROM: Mark Anderson, Fire Chief

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE: **Acceptance of Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant funds**

BACKGROUND:

In September of 2016, the Fire Department personnel applied for a grant with the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office (OSFM) for Hazardous Materials Training. This is a sub-grant through OSFM with Federal funding from the United States Department of Transportation. The intent of the grant request is to bring an instructor to the area to teach Regional Hazardous Material Technicians "Advanced Haz Mat IQ". This eight-hour course will teach team members how to systematically verify their initial size-up and response strategies as well as identify the proper course of action needed to safely and efficiently mitigate the emergency. The City has been notified that the OSFM office has approved the HMEP Grant request, and they have drafted an agreement that is awaiting signature of acceptance.

ADVANTAGES:

The City benefits from staff receiving nationally recognized training presented by a certified instructor. The use of grant funds reduces the strain on the City and/or Regional Haz Mat Team budget. Many of the concepts and decision making strategies being presented are applicable to other types of emergencies.

DISADVANTAGES:

None

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The amount of the grant is \$5,950 to cover instructor meals, lodging, transportation, fees and course materials. The grant requires a 20% (soft) match valued at an additional \$1,488. The City will provide this match through the payment of overtime to off-duty personnel attending the class. The cost of overtime is then reimbursed to the City's General Fund by the OSFM through the Haz Mat Regional Team's training budget.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Council, it is requested that the City Council authorize staff to sign the agreement with the OSFM and accept the HMEP grant funds.