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Fire Department

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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Daniel L. Andrus, Fire Chief

DATE: March 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Report from the Fire Chief on Reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Exercise and Training Grant Program

Recommendation

Accept and appropriate the amount of one hundred and eight thousand one hundred nineteen dollars (\$108,119) of reimbursements for costs associated with the deployment of Fire Department personnel to areas of the country impacted by natural disasters and for participating with the New Hampshire National Guard in a training exercise.

Background

During August and September of 2017, several members of the Department were deployed to areas of the country ravaged by hurricanes and flooding as part of Massachusetts Task Force One, an urban search and rescue team which functions under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The federal government reimburses local governments for all costs associated with the deployment of personnel, including overtime and backfill. Reimbursement in the amount of \$107,335 was requested and received.

In early 2018, the Fire Department was invited to participate in an exercise with the New Hampshire National Guard to test their emergency operations plan with respect to building evacuations. The Fire Department assisted the Guard during their exercise on March 15, 2018. The costs represent personnel costs associated with backfill so that members could participate in the drill without interruption. The cost of that backfill is \$784.

Discussion

The Fire Department will advise the City Council of any future activity related to the deployment of personnel or grant funded training.