



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Arjun Batra

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 05/22/24

Approved

Date: 5/23/2024

Arjun Dew Batra

RECOMMENDATION

Modify the City Manager's 2024-2025 Proposed Budget to incorporate the following budget proposal, including any required funding allocation adjustments.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: CERT Specific Training

Amount of City Funding Required: \$6,400

This change is: One-time

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): N/A

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

San Jose Neighborhood CERT (SJNCERT) indicates that over 1,000 residents are now CERT trained in San Jose. These volunteers need frequent trainings to keep their skills current. The District 10 Council office funded a FEMA approved Leadership Skills course that was very well received and attended. Based on the positive responses to offering this training, we request that funding be provided to SJNCERT to support their efforts to provide more such trainings, utilizing the professional training services of NPTS, Inc., the current training vendor used by OEM.

Based on the rate charged to the District 10 office, this funding would provide up to eight half-day training sessions, which could be used for half-day workshops, such as the Leadership Skills training that we provided, or for multi-session trainings such as a skills refresher course.

In a crisis, well-trained volunteers will help their families, their neighbors, first responders, and where needed throughout the City. Investing in keeping fresh the skills of the currently trained CERT volunteers, preserves the investments we have already made to train them initially.

This BD reaffirms Key Focus Area: Increasing Community Safety

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve: \$6,400

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

Department or Organization Contact

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