



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Jimenez

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 27, 2021

Approved

Date May 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: **Support the CERT Program**

Amount of City Funding Required: **\$80,000**

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

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.):

The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that are most likely to occur in San José and promotes basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. CERT volunteers are trained to react safely, responsibly and effectively to emergency situations, as well as support their communities during non-emergency events. The CERT program aligns with a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely upon during disaster situations.

We learned first-hand from the pandemic and the 2017 floods that being prepared for a disaster is essential and that volunteers are a crucial component to aid and recovery. In 2019, the program received \$80,000, as the City revamps the program and increases community participation additional funds are needed for trainings and materials citywide.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

■ Other (Please specify program/project/fund): American Rescue Plan

Department or Organization Contact

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