



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Domingo Candelas

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 05/25/23

Approved

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RECOMMENDATION

Modify the City Manager's 2023-2024 Proposed Budget to incorporate the following budget proposal, including any required funding allocation adjustments.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: CERT Supplies for D8 Community Emergency Preparedness

Amount of City Funding Required: \$15,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable):

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 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program trains citizens to prepare for emergency situations in their communities. When disaster strikes, CERT members give critical support to first responders, assist victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site.

To promote public safety and emergency preparedness in District 8, this budget proposal seeks to provide CERT readiness supplies to residents of Council District 8 through the District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) in the amount of \$15,000. The D8CRT seeks to improve the quality of life within District 8 and the surrounding neighborhoods. The D8CRT researches, promotes, and participates in programs and projects that better and empower the community at large. They recently established a standing committee on CERT readiness with several of their members attending the Council District 8 sponsored CERT Meeting on May 11th, 2023.

Providing CERT supplies to a prepared and involved District-wide community group will increase District 8 emergency preparedness, boost resident participation in CERT coordination, encourage coordination with relevant first responder agencies, and provide a tangible means for improving local public safety.

CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their communities during non-emergency events such as training simulations or community preparedness planning. Through hands-on practice and realistic exercises, CERT members:

- Learn how to safely respond to manmade and natural hazards,
- Help organize basic disaster response,
- Promote preparedness by hosting and participating in community events.

CERT supplies are specifically designed to supply members with the equipment they need to carry out their response tasks. CERT supplies can include an assortment of nationally recognized essentials such as, but not limited to:

- CERT first responder backpack kits,
- Earthquake preparedness/survival kits,
- Emergency communication supplies; and/or,
- Community emergency survival starter kits.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve: \$15,000

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

Department or Organization Contact

Please list the contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation:

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