



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR

April 12, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Abe Roman, Fire Chief

Subject: Companion Report: UC Berkeley Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

Use the General Fund and existing budget process to administer payments received through the University of California settlement.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

From 2021 through 2036, allocate \$4.1 million, with 3% annual increases, to the General Fund.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Regents of the University of California have agreed to make an annual payment to the City of \$4.1 million, with 3% annual increases, from 2021 through 2036. The Agreement provides a funding mechanism only and the City has discretion over how to apply the funds to meet the City's needs. The City is not required to spend the entire Annual Payment every year, and may accumulate funds from year to year.

Under the Agreement, the Fire Department is expected to receive \$2.8 million annually. These funds will be used for Fire Department staffing and equipment in order to maintain and augment services provided to the Berkeley community, which includes the UC Berkeley campus.

Budget authority for these funds rests with the City Manager, under the direction of the City Council. Funds from this agreement will be administered through the existing budget process. Fire Department expenditures are addressed in public forums, which encourages public review and comment, at:

- The Budget and Finance Committee, Fire Department Budget Presentation
- City Council Meeting, Public Hearings regarding the Annual Budget

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

None.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission provides oversight over funding allocated to the Fire Department through voter-approved tax measures (GG, FF). The Agreement between the Regents of the University of California and the City of Berkeley is not a tax measure voted on by the community, and can be effectively and transparently managed through the existing budget process.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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