

AN ORDINANCE BY

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 (INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND) BUDGET, DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE, BY ADDING TO ANTICIPATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$17,985.00), FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (“GEMA”) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE ATLANTA CITIZEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a primary goal of the City of Atlanta’s (“City”) Department of Fire and Rescue (“Department”) is to prepare the citizens and visitors in the event of a natural or man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (“GEMA”) provides funding to high risk urban areas to improve their capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to accept the aforesaid grant funds to continue educating communities in the proper way to respond and to render assistance in an emergency scenarios.

WHEREAS, GEMA has awarded the Department a grant in the amount of seventeen thousand nine hundred and eighty five dollars (\$17,985.00) for the purpose of funding the Department’s Atlanta Citizens Response Team (“ACERT”); and

WHEREAS, the goal of ACERT is to accomplish the following: educate community members about the hazards and potential disasters that may effect the City’s various communities and workplaces; (2) organize neighborhood and workplace response teams basic response and solid decision-making skills that can be used to enhance their survival skills and to effectively help others; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to accept the aforesaid grant funds in order to continue emergency response education and training in our communities.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINED

SECTION 1: That the 2007 (intergovernmental Grant Fund) Budget, Department of Fire and Rescue, is hereby amended as follows:

ADD TO ANTICIPATIONS

1B02 W11T0750JCZ0 432101	State/Grant Entitlements	\$17,985.00
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Legislative White Paper

Committee of Purview: PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL ADMINISTRATION

Caption

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Council Meeting Date: May 5, 2008

Legislation Title: ACERT Grant - GEMA

Requesting Dept.: Atlanta Fire Rescue

Contract Type: NA

Source Selection: NA

Bids/Proposals Due: NA

Invitations Issued: NA

**Number of Bids/
Proposals Received:** NA

Bidders/Proponents: NA

Background: The Atlanta Citizens Emergency Response Team (ACERT) was established in 2005, by the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department. The purpose of the program is to educate and prepare citizens, visitors, and workers of Atlanta to survive and provide assistance to their communities until emergency services can arrive in the event of a man-made or natural disaster. The participants of the program are trained about hazards and potential disasters that may affect the city’s various communities, workplaces, and organize neighborhood and/or workplace response teams for rapid and effective intervention following a disastrous event. In addition, the program organizes and train teams in basic response and solid decision-making skills that can be used to enhance their survival skills and to effectively help others.

Fund Account Center:

Source of Funds: GRANT FUNDED

Fiscal Impact:


Term of Contact:

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TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Commissioner Signature 

Originating Department: Fire and Rescue Contact (name) Wilmond Meadows

Committee(s) of Purview: Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

Committee Deadline: _____

Committee Meeting Date(s): 4/29/08 Full Council Date: 5/5/08

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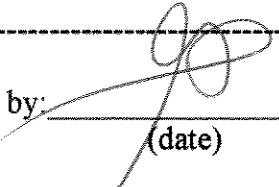
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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any): None

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by Mayor's Office: 4.15.08  (date) Reviewed by:  (date)

Submitted to Council: _____
(date)