

**AN RESOLUTION BY
PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (GEMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$17,985.00), ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE ATLANTA CITIZEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) awarded a grant donation in the amount of seventeen thousand nine hundred eighty five dollars (\$17,985.00) to the Department of Fire and Rescue ("Department") for purpose of supporting the Atlanta Citizen Emergency Response Team ("ACERT"); and

WHEREAS, the Department designed the ACERT program to accomplish the following: (1) 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 for rapid and effective intervention following a disastrous event; and (3) train teams in 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 to continue educating communities in the proper way to respond and to render assistance in an emergency scenarios.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ATLANTA GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: The Mayor or her designee is hereby authorized to accept a grant award from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) in the amount of seventeen thousand nine hundred and eighty five dollars (\$17,985.00) on behalf of the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department for the purpose of supporting the Atlanta Citizens Emergency Response Team (ACERT).

Legislative White Paper

Committee of Purview: PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL ADMINISTRATION

Caption

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Council Meeting Date: May 5, 2008

Legislation Title: ACERT – GEMA Grant Award

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 effect 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 Award

Fiscal Impact: NA

Term of Contact: 1 year

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TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Commissioner Signature: Kevin J. Colman

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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BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:

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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any): None

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by Mayor's Office: 4.15.08 GR Reviewed by: [Signature]
(date) (date)

Submitted to Council: _____
(date)