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City of Malibu Awarded Grant Funding for CERT Program

(Malibu, CA) – On June 5, 2019, the City of Malibu’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program was awarded \$13,500 in grant funds by California Volunteers, Office of the Governor, following a competitive application process. Malibu will use these funds for advanced training and protective equipment for the CERT Team with the goal of increasing community engagement about disaster preparedness.

“Our CERT Team is a crucial part of our efforts to achieve community-wide emergency preparedness, and this grant will help us to develop it even further,” said Mayor Jefferson “Zuma Jay” Wagner.

This grant is a larger part of the State of California’s effort to mobilize local communities and foster the spirit of volunteerism. CERT teams around the state will be receiving funds to build their capacity to engage Californians on the topic of disaster preparedness. Teams will be required to purchase a standardized helmet and vest for each funded team member, as well as conduct background checks and provide insurance for members. As a condition of receiving these grant funds, Malibu CERT is also responsible for engaging over 500 individuals on the issue of disaster preparedness before the end of 2020.

CERT volunteers are a crucial part of the City’s ability to prepare and respond to disasters. Program graduates are better equipped to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors during a future disaster in Malibu. These grant funds will facilitate Malibu CERT’s mission to boost the community’s overall resiliency and preparedness.

The City Council adopted official CERT program guidelines in 2017 detailing the membership requirements, team organizational structure, member responsibilities and activation procedures, formally incorporating the program and CERT volunteers who meet the requirements, into the City’s Emergency Management System.

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