



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: August 19, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: CEO Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, x3400
Contact Info: Ryan Rockabrand, Emergency Operations Chief, 681.5526
Office of Emergency Management
Richard Abrams, Emergency Manager, 681.5526
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2014 Emergency Management Planning Grant Authorization

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Executive Officer, her Business Manager, and the Emergency Operations Chief to apply and enter into a contract to accept the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) to provide grant funding for emergency management activities in the Santa Barbara Operational Area by the Office of Emergency Management.
2. Determine that the proposed action is related to the creation of a government funding mechanism and other fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378 (b)(4) and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.
3. Direct staff to return to the Board of Supervisors with the grant as part of the Office of Emergency Management's budget and work program request if the grant is awarded.

Summary Text:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides funding to local jurisdictions to assist with the costs of providing emergency management. FEMA provides this funding through a block grant to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for distribution to Operational Areas. The Operational Area is, by statute, managed through the County and includes all political subdivisions within County.

The recommended action authorizes the Office of Emergency Management to apply for the grant. The resolution further identifies those persons who are authorized to execute the grant and submit the required quarterly reports. The EMPG Program funding ensures compliance with state and federal emergency management requirements. The funding provides up to one half of the personnel expense for authorized emergency planning staff, indirect costs, and some services and supplies. This resolution updates Resolution 05-109.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This resolution allows County OEM to apply for reimbursement claims under the EMPG sub grant program through CalOES. The EMPG Program provides partial funding (up to one half the salary and benefits, depending on funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency) for OEM. These funds may also be used to provide equipment or supplies to enhance emergency management throughout the Operational Area. The FY 2014-2015 allocation is \$215,776.00. The term of the EMPG is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Budgeted: Yes. The EMPG funding is included in the department's 2014-2015 proposed budgets.

Special Instructions:

Please provide copies of executed resolution and the minute order to the Office of Emergency Management; attention Richard Abrams.

Attachments:

Attachment A – A Resolution accepting the FY 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) providing grant funding for emergency management activities in the Santa Barbara Operational Area.

Attachment B – Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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