



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: September 22, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
 Director
 Contact Info: Ryan Rockabrand, Director of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: **Homeland Security Grant Program**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Executive Office, his/her Business Manager, the Director of Emergency Services and the Homeland Security Program Emergency Manager to apply and enter into a contract to accept a grant from the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) on behalf of the Santa Barbara Operational Area.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.

Summary Text:

The Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing financial assistance directly to the states to enhance the capability of local units of government to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism and other emergencies. The State of California then provides this funding to

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

the Santa Barbara Operational Area via the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) for Federal Fiscal Year 2015.

This federal grant has assisted the Operational Area in the purchase of a variety of vital equipment for emergency response agencies throughout the Operational Area, including computer software and hardware for emergency operations centers throughout the Operational Area, bomb squad vehicle, bomb robot and personal protective equipment, mobile command response vehicles, interoperable communication equipment, Reverse-911 hardware and software, hazardous materials detection and decontamination equipment, and medical mass-casualty response equipment. The grant has also funded training activities for fire, hazardous materials, public health, law enforcement, and emergency management agencies.

Background:

The Santa Barbara Operational Area consists of the County and all governmental subdivisions within the County, including the eight incorporated Cities and numerous Special Districts. The Santa Barbara Operational Area qualifies for a grant referred to as the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP).

The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is a continuing program that would provide funding to the Santa Barbara Operational Area for planning, equipment, training, exercise, and management/administrative purposes. The FY2015 HSGP is a continuation of annual funding that began with the FY1999 State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program. Pending equipment purchases for the upcoming grant cycle will include equipment consistent with an ongoing priority to enhance communication, response and recovery capabilities for agencies throughout the Santa Barbara Operational Area.

Homeland Security Grant Program	Santa Barbara Operational Area Funding Allocation
FY2015	\$516,404
FY2014	\$515,104
FY2013	\$448,512
FY2012	\$373,865
FY2011	\$640,207
FY2010	\$945,976
FY2009	\$949,648
FY2008	\$949,308
FY 2007	\$520,826
FY 2006	\$448,849
FY 2005	\$810,283
FY 2004	\$1,261,354
FY 2003 Part II	\$969,703
FY 2003 Part I	\$420,878
FY 2002	\$272,683
FY 2000/2001	\$168,290
FY 1999	\$68,502

Performance Measure:

The County is designated as the Santa Barbara Operational Area for emergency planning and response. The California Office of Emergency Services requires Operational Areas throughout the State to act as lead agencies and as coordinators/facilitators of the Homeland Security Grant Program. While the County is not mandated to obtain all available grant funding, it is advisable to take advantage of the funding provided through this grant program. This year, the HSGP is a fully funded grant program with no matching funds required. In addition, 5% of the total funding may be used to cover management and administrative costs associated with facilitation of the grant.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This resolution and Board authorization allows the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management to apply for and file reimbursement claims under the Homeland Security Grant Program. A subsequent budget revision will come to the Board should the department receive funding.

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Fiscal Analysis:

The final grant award allocations are in process. As the approval authority identifies equipment and training that can be used with the grant, the department revises its budget to identify expenditures and revenues from the grant.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Posititons:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please send a certified copy of the Minute Order and executed copies to the Office of Emergency Management, attn: Justin Freiler

Attachments:

Resolution

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