



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: **FY2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the County Executive Officer (CEO), the Director of Office of Emergency Management (OEM) or the Business Manager, CEO to enter into an agreement (Attachment A) to accept the FY2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation; and
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0006722 (Attachment B) to Increase Appropriations of \$467,300 in the County Executive Office General Fund to increase Committed County Executive Programs fund balance funded by unanticipated 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation revenue; and
- 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).

Summary Text:

This item is on the Board agenda to authorize County Executive Officer (CEO), the Director of Office of Emergency Management (OEM) or the Business Manager, CEO to enter into a contract to accept the FY2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has received a Notification of Subrecipient Allocation letter stating that the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) has approved OEM's FY2019 PSPS allocation in the amount of \$467,271. The performance period of this grant is July 1, 2019 to October 31, 2022.

While the State has recently identified eligible uses, specific expenditures have not yet been identified. This recommendation allows the County to accept the PSPS funding into fund balance at this time; specific uses will be budgeted and included in future departmental budget requests as potential uses are further defined.

Background:

On October 25, 2019, the Governor announced an allocation of \$75 million one-time General Fund monies to launch the Local Government PSPS Resiliency Program. This program has been created in an effort to mitigate the impact on Californians by providing support to state and local government efforts to protect public safety, vulnerable populations and individuals and improve resiliency in response to utility-led PSPS actions. The total allocation identified for the County of Santa Barbara is \$467,271, which is reflected in the agreement before the Board today.

CalOES has provided a description of eligible activities for this funding. It is important to note that response costs associated with electric disruption events are not allowable, including any staffing or new positions, Emergency Operations Center staffing, security, law or fire response, or other overtime charges. Below is a brief overview of some possible priority projects with a nexus to PSPS events. All projects and concepts will be developed with the whole community in mind (residents, businesses, non-profits, and coordinating partners), with a particular emphasis on vulnerable populations and the Access and Functional Needs (AFN) community.

Enhancing Community Assistance through community and local government resources:

- Better support community resource centers and essential government services by identifying, prioritizing and purchasing the equipment, generators, and other eligible resources needed for resilient support to the community, with an emphasis on clean energy and green solutions where possible.
- Improve ability to communicate timely and reliable emergency information to the community that is without power through additional reliable communications systems, including enhancements to the Radio Ready Program and other communication tools.
- Continued improvements to bilingual public education and outreach regarding PSPS, through the ReadySBC.org website, public services announcements, and community education or train-the-trainer materials and programs.

Enhancing Community Assistance through community and local government planning:

- Enhance reliability for key functions and overall government operations by ensuring continuity of public services during a PSPS event.

- Support community members by identifying and planning for heating, cooling and PSPS specific facilities for individuals with access and functional needs, medical baseline and socially vulnerable populations, transportation.

Acceptance of the Agreement requires counties to collaborate with cities within their operational area to support critical infrastructure and resiliency countywide, with a focus on public safety, vulnerable communities and individuals with access and functional needs. The County is required to provide two reports on the expenditure of funds. The initial report is due November 30, 2020 and second report is due November 30, 2022.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The recommended actions allow the County to accept the PSPS funding and fund balance the funds for future use. Future allocations will be budgeted and included in departmental budget requests for FYs 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Budgeted: No

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Notification of Subrecipient Allocation: 2019 Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation
- Attachment B: Budget Revision Request No. 0006722

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