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- d) 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:**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides funding 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. DHS provides this funding through a grant to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for distribution to the Operational Areas. The Operational Area is by statute, managed through the County and includes all political subdivisions within the County. The recommended actions authorize the County Executive Officer to execute the Notification of Subrecipient Subaward Approval letter Cal OES ID # 083-00000-00, and authorize the County Executive Officer, the Director of Office Emergency Management, or the Business Manager, CEO to execute Subrecipient Agreements, based on the Board approved template, with Operational Area subrecipients.

The 2020 HSGP proposed projects have been previously approved by the Approval Authority and Cal OES. The Approval Authority consisting of County Fire Chief, County Sheriff, Municipal Police Chief Representative, Municipal Fire Chief Representative, and County Public Health Director, govern disbursement of the Homeland Security Grant Program funds.

Beginning with grant FY 2019, the Subrecipient Agreement process was established. The subrecipient Agreements are established for each grant cycle based on the approved projects for each awarded jurisdiction. The Subrecipient Agreement will allow each jurisdiction to purchase and coordinate the unique equipment, training, organization, exercise and planning needs of their approved project directly, rather than Santa Barbara County OEM staff facilitating these processes without the direct knowledge or expertise needed for their project and needs. The subrecipients will be responsible for all aspects of the project, including purchasing, inventory, and maintaining Homeland Security Grant equipment while adhering to federal grant guidelines. As subrecipients, these agencies will also need to comply with all federal and state standards for training, planning, and overall emergency management as it pertains to this grant's requirements.

Santa Barbara County OEM would still be responsible for ensuring subrecipient compliance, tracking of project completion, and overall grant application and reimbursement processes. This will continue to be a significant work effort for OEM, but should create efficiencies in project management. OEM receives some of this funding for administrative oversight of the grant and these processes.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara County 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 County Operational Area qualifies for a grant referred to as the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP).

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This federal grant has assisted the Operational Area in the purchase of a variety of vital equipment for emergency response agencies. The project list for this year includes, but is not limited to equipment for the use of fire helicopter fixed belly tank conversion, physical security cameras, ballistic shields and weapon lights for law enforcement, Care and Shelter Operations Annex Initiative, Vulnerable Population Database Mapping and Healthcare Status Reporting System, Mass Casualty Family Assistance Center Response Plan and training for fire, public health, law enforcement, and emergency management agencies. This year's projects will also include an equipment purchase and systems analysis to meet the additional FY 2020 HSGP grant requirements for cybersecurity and elections security.

The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is a continuing program that provides funding to the Santa Barbara County Operational Area for planning, equipment, training, exercise, and management and administrative purposes. The FY2020 HSGP is a continuation of annual funding that began with the FY1999 State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program. Below is chart showing funding since FY2017:

<b>Homeland Security Grant Program</b>	<b>Santa Barbara County Operational Area Funding Allocation</b>
FY2020	\$541,337
FY2019	\$541,546
FY2018	\$524,847
FY2017	\$525,312

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. The County is designated as the lead agency for the Santa Barbara County Operational Area for emergency planning and response. 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. OEM has received a Notification of Subrecipient Award Approval letter stating that Cal OES has approved OEM's FY 2020 HSGP subaward in the amount of \$541,337. The term of this grant is September 1, 2020 to May 31, 2023. 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.

**Budgeted:** Yes.

The 2020 HSGP funding is included in the department's 2020-21 adopted budget.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a certified copy of the resolution to OEM, Attn: Sonia Thompson.

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Notification of Subrecipient Award Approval for Signature  
Attachment B: Resolution and Addendum  
Attachment C: Subrecipient template

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