



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: December 14, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Kelly Hubbard, Director of Emergency Management

SUBJECT: **FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant and
FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant-American Rescue Plan
Act (EMPG-ARPA) Grant Authorization**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the County Executive Officer (CEO) to accept \$216,241 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) federal grant funds (Subaward #2021-0015), as distributed through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with a period of performance from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023; and
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the County Executive Officer (CEO) to accept \$63,403 of additional funding in FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant-American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA) federal grant funds (Subaward #2021-0014), as distributed through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with a period of performance from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023; and
- c) Adopt a resolution (Attachment A) to appoint the County Executive Officer (CEO), the Director of Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and the Business Manager (CEO) to act as Authorized Agents to apply and submit grant applications, execute all required grant application documents (including assurances and certifications), and take any actions necessary for each application and subaward under the EMPG and EMPG-ARPA grants to provide grant funding for

emergency management activities in the Santa Barbara Operational Area for the grant FY 2021. The resolution directs the Authorized Agents to, if applicable, make necessary budget revisions, and to receive Auditor-Controller, Risk Management, and County Counsel concurrence prior to executing grant agreements or memorandum of understanding; and,

- d) Approve Budget Revision Request #0008028 (Attachment B) to increase appropriations in the amount of \$63,403 in the County Executive Office General Fund for Services and Supplies funded by unanticipated EMPG-ARPA revenue from Cal OES; and
- e) 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 recommended action authorizes the Office of Emergency Management to apply for the EMPG and EMPG-ARPA grants. The Resolution further identifies those persons authorized to execute the grant and submit the required quarterly reports. The budget revision increases appropriations for the unanticipated revenue from the EMPG-ARPA Grant. The EMPG Program funding helps ensure compliance with state and federal emergency management requirements. The funding provides up to one-half of the personnel expense for authorized emergency planning staff, and other costs associated in support of emergency management.

Background:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides annual Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding annually on a population-share basis. The purpose of the EMPG Program is to provide federal grants to States to assist State, local, territorial, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The federal government, through the EMPG Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, guidance, and assistance to support a comprehensive all hazards emergency preparedness system.

In February 2021, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG), Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). In April 2021, an updated NOFO was released to reflect supplemental one-time funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In September 2021, Cal OES issued the California Supplement to the NOFO. All references to the FY2021 EMPG Program in the State Supplement also extend to the EMPG-ARPA Program.

The EMPG Program funding helps ensure compliance with state and federal emergency management requirements. The additional funding provided to EMPG under the ARPA will be used to also implement projects that enhance all-hazards preparedness and serve to build, sustain, and deliver core capabilities, with a focus on those that were delayed due to COVID response activities. Both the EMPG and EMPG-ARPA dollars will support OEM responsibilities to ensure operational area readiness through all-hazard planning, training and coordination. Efforts this fiscal year include facilitation of planning efforts such as

the creation of a county-wide Disaster Care Facility Plan, coordination with state and local officials for updated Tsunami maps, plans and signs, coordination and implementation of Next Gen Alerting technologies for alert and warning broadcasters, equipment installation and program development for a revamped SBC RadioReady program, and purchase of shelter supplies and development of standard operating procedures for those supplies.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The EMPG is a reimbursement grant with a cost match. Therefore, no cash advances are permitted under the EMPG Program, and participating jurisdictions are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match. This resolution allows County OEM to apply for reimbursement under the EMPG program subgranted through the State of California (Cal OES) for Fiscal Year 2021. The EMPG Program provides partial funding (up to one half the salary and benefits, depending on funding from FEMA) for OEM positions. These funds may also be used to provide equipment or supplies to enhance emergency management throughout the Operational Area. By statute, the Operational Area is managed through the County and includes all political subdivisions within the county. OEM has received a Notification of Subrecipient Award Approval letter stating that Cal OES has approved OEM's FY2021 EMPG subaward in the amount of \$216,241, and a supplemental award in the amount of \$63,403. Once the completed applications are received and approved by Cal OES, OEM may request reimbursement of eligible expenditures. The term of this grant is July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

Budgeted:

The FY21 EMPG funding is included in the departments' FY2021-22 adopted budget.

The FY21 EMPG-ARPA is a supplemental grant and is not budgeted. The attached Budget Revision Request will increase appropriations of \$63,403 in the County Executive Office General Fund for Services and Supplies funded by unanticipated revenue funded by unanticipated Emergency Management Performance Grant Program-American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA) revenue from the California Office of Emergency Services.

Special Instructions:

Upon BOS approval, please direct the Clerk of the Board to provide copies of the executed Resolution and the minute order to the Office of Emergency Management; attention Sonia Thompson.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution and Addendum
- Attachment B: Budget Revision Request No.: **0008028**
- Attachment C: Notification of Subrecipient Subaward Approval
- Attachment D: Cal OES State Supplement

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