



**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: November 13, 2018
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 Matt Pontes, Assistant County Executive Officer
Contact Info: Robert Lewin, Director of Emergency Management
SUBJECT: 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller 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 Officer, or designee to apply and enter into a contract to accept the 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program (18HSGP) with the California Office of Emergency Services in the approximate amount of \$524,847 on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Operational Area; and,
- 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; 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:

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 Areas is by

statute, managed through the County and includes all political subdivisions within the County. The recommended action authorizes the County Executive Officer, or designee to apply for the grant. The resolution further identifies those persons authorized to execute the grant.

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).

This federal grant has assisted the Operational Area in the purchase of a variety of vital equipment for emergency response agencies. The equipment list for this year includes, but is not limited to: equipment for the use of urban search and rescue, interoperable communications, remote automated weather stations, active shooter vests for law enforcement, animal services disaster response truck and trailer, and GIS equipment. This grant will also be used to fund training for hostage negotiation, and other training activities for fire, public health, law enforcement, and emergency management agencies.

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/administrative purposes. The FY2018 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 County Operational Area.

Homeland Security Grant Program	Santa Barbara County Operational Area Funding Allocation
FY2018	\$524,847
FY2017	\$525,312
FY2016	\$521,439
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 County 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.

Budgeted: Yes. The 2018 HSGP funding is included in the department's 2018-19 adopted budget.

Special Instructions:

Please send a certified copy of the Minute Order and executed copies to the Office of Emergency Management, Attn: Sonia Thompson.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution accepting the FY 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Authored by:

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