



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING \$179,097 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS TO THE FEDERAL GRANTS FUNDS FOR THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The San Diego Office of Emergency Services, who administers the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), has notified the City of Chula Vista of fiscal year 2019 SHSP funding. The State Homeland Security Program is designed to improve domestic terrorism preparedness of state and local governments by addressing equipment, training, exercises and planning needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Development Services Director has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

The fiscal year 2019 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) provides funding for the continued development of readiness and operational response capacity of emergency first responder personnel. Funds allocated by the fiscal year 2019 SHSP will allow the Police and Fire Departments to purchase equipment that will complement existing equipment configurations, as well as enhance the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). SHSP grant administrators from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) have approved the expenditure plan of equipment, planning, organization, exercise, and training needs of the City. The spending plan was submitted in advance of funding approval in accordance with grant requirements. Grant funds are restricted in how they can be spent and cannot supplant normal budgetary items for the City. The specific spending plan is as follows:

Equipment

The fiscal year 2019 SHSP funds will be used to purchase equipment in the amount of \$144,097 that will be used by the City's first responders and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel. Equipment funds have been allocated to purchase technical upgrades to the mobile command vehicle for the Police Department and various equipment and technical upgrades for the EOC by the Fire Department.

Emergency Services Coordinator

Fiscal year 2019 SHSP funds in the amount of \$35,000 will be used for a portion of the personnel costs of the Emergency Services Coordinator. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds have already been identified for the remaining costs of the Emergency Services Coordinator. This position will work on improvements and updates to local emergency plans to coincide with the County's plans, as well as ensure that EOC personnel are ready and prepared when a disaster strikes. The Emergency Services Coordinator will also organize and coordinate the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) during emergency situations.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will result in a one-time appropriation of \$144,097 to the supplies & services category & \$35,000 to the personnel category of the Federal Grants Fund. The funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will completely offset these costs. Therefore, there is no net fiscal impact to the City.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact for accepting these grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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