



City of Chula Vista

Staff Report

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-035 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING \$178,221 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS TO THE FEDERAL GRANTS FUND FOR THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Office of Emergency Services, who administers the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), has notified the City of the fiscal year 2015 SHSP award in the amount of \$178,221. 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

Environmental Notice

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

Environmental Determination

The Director of Development Services 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; 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 RECOMMENDATION

Not Applicable.

DISCUSSION

The fiscal year 2015 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 2015 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

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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 2015 SHSP funds will purchase equipment in the amount of \$152,222 that will be used by the City's first responders and EOC personnel. Equipment funds have been allocated to purchase portable radios for the Police Department that complement an existing configuration of radio equipment and maintain regional communications interoperability. The Fire Department will purchase structural fire-fighting protective garments and other personal protective equipment used by emergency first responders.

Emergency Services Coordinator

SHSP funds in the amount of \$25,999 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 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining 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 of Chula Vista Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. This resolution supports the goal of Strong and Secure Neighborhoods by enhancing the readiness and operational response capacity of emergency first responder personnel.

CURRENT YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will result in a one-time appropriation of \$152,222 to supplies and services and \$25,999 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.

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ATTACHMENTS

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