

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Office of Emergency Services	(2) MEETING DATE August 7, 2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ron Alsop or Anita Konopa 781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Request for Approval to Apply for the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program (All Districts)			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the Office of Emergency Services request to apply for the 2012 federal Homeland Security Grant Program on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area by adopting the attached Governing Body Resolution, appointing authorized agents to sign grant related documents on behalf of the County.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal grant program	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$255,910.00 (Revenue offset)	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$5,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Note: This a State formatted resolution required for grant purposes			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR)		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Office of Emergency Services
Ron Alsop or Anita Konopa
781-5011

DATE: August 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Apply for the Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program (All Districts)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the Office of Emergency Services request to apply for the 2012 federal Homeland Security Grant Program on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area by adopting the attached Governing Body Resolution, appointing authorized agents to sign grant related documents on behalf of the County.

DISCUSSION

Through the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing grant funds for efforts such as planning for homeland security and emergency operations; purchasing of specialized equipment to enhance the capability of local agencies in responding to emergencies; costs related to certain training courses; costs related to certain exercises; and management and administration costs.

Through pre-determined grant award formulas by Cal EMA, the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area is eligible to receive up to \$255,910 in FFY 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program funds. The attached resolution authorizes the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to apply for the federal fiscal year 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program. When our grant application is accepted by Cal EMA, we will come back to your Board for approval of the specific uses of the grant funds, dollar amounts, related fiscal information, and to request formal approval to accept the grant.

Determining the most efficient use of the grant funds involves representatives from various agencies working together on recommendations. (See "Other Agency Involvement" on the following page.) These recommendations are then prioritized by the below described "Homeland Security Grant Approval Authority."

Pursuant to Cal EMA requirements regarding receipt of grant funds, a recipient agency must establish a Homeland Security Grant Approval Authority ("the Authority"). In our County this authority consists of the County Sheriff, County Fire Chief, a municipal fire chief (selected by the Operational Area Fire Chiefs), a chief of police (selected by the Operational Area Police Chiefs), and the County Public Health Officer or his or her designee. (The fire and police chiefs select their representatives for the Approval Authority.) The Authority is required to develop and approve specific uses for the grant funds awarded.

The specific members of the Approval Authority for the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area are:

- Sheriff Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department
- Chief Rob Lewin, Cal Fire/County Fire Department
- Chief Ken Johnson, Paso Robles Emergency Services/Fire Department
- Chief Jeff Norton, Pismo Beach Police Department
- Dr. Penny Borenstein, San Luis Obispo County Health Officer

As with previous grants, Cal EMA requires submittal of an approved list of staff authorized to sign the application and related grant documents on behalf of the County. As a result, OES is requesting that you approve the enclosed State form resolution, entitled "Governing Body Resolution", authorizing the following officers/employees to execute for and on behalf of the County any actions necessary to obtain federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security, subgranted through the State of California: County Administrative Officer, Assistant County Administrative Officer, Principal Administrative Analyst and Emergency Services Coordinator.

Grant requirements dictate that \$63,978 of these funds be used specifically for law enforcement purposes; \$12,796 will be used over the three year grant period to offset costs to the County for administering and coordinating grant activities with the State and the many local users of the funds.

Although OES will come back to your Board for approval to accept the grant once it has been submitted and accepted by Cal EMA, and to also provide information on what the grant funds are proposed to be used for, as of the date of this Board item submittal it is tentatively proposed that the grant funds be used primarily to enhance public safety and related communications within the county.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Fire Chief's Association of San Luis Obispo County, the Criminal Justice Administrators' Association, the Sheriff's Department, Cal Fire/County Fire, and Public Health will work together to determine how the grant funding will be most efficiently used. Grant administration and coordination with and between the various agencies using the grant funds is provided by County OES. County OES works directly with the State on behalf of all local agencies for grant related issues.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This grant is 100% federally funded and there are no matching cost requirements. However, there may be ongoing ancillary costs to the County resulting from accepting these grants and putting the projects in place. Unless other funding sources are found, these operational costs will be absorbed within existing budget allocations by the representative County department budget units that receive the grant funded items. Updated financial considerations and cost estimates will be provided to your Board with the agenda item requesting permission to accept the grants once Cal EMA approves our grant application. It is anticipated ongoing costs for maintenance of the requested items will be about \$5,000 annually.

The funds from this grant are reimbursement monies, not up front dollars. As a result, existing entities within the Operational Area must purchase the equipment and then be reimbursed. Depending on the nature of the approved grant funded projects, it is anticipated the funds will be allocated through one or more of the following County departments: Sheriff, Fire, OES, and the Health Agency.

RESULTS

To help ensure that the safety and interests of the County and its citizens are met through increased preparation of public safety, emergency management, public health, and related agencies for adequate response to many types of emergencies.

ATTACHMENTS

1. State formatted Governing Body Resolution