



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-18

For the meeting of: March 14, 2017

Date: February 21, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Michael T. Downey, Sheriff
Subject: Fiscal Year 2017-18 Supplemental Budget Request for Homeland Security Grant Program in the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services Budget Unit 213 (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve Fiscal Year 2017-18 supplemental budget request and establish fixed asset expense items for budget Unit 1100-213 Homeland Security Grant Program in the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, to facilitate the purchase of a Mobile Dispatch Unit – VESTA 911 Command Post (4/5 vote required)

Revenue	1100-213-525320 Homeland Security Grant	\$20,650
Expense	1100-213-8074 Communication Equipment	\$20,650

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Homeland Security Grant

Prepared by _____
Norma S. Lorenzo, Deputy Director Sheriff Admin

CAO Approval _____

REVIEW:

Auditor MSM County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Wilson
Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg

Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson

Nays
Abstain
Absent

And carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this report.

Dated: Mar 14, 2017

By: Kathy Hayes
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION:

The Emergency Services division of the Sheriff's Office is responsible for disaster preparedness and Homeland Security coordination within the County, as well as the Humboldt Operational Area. Budget unit 213 was established by the Board of Supervisors in May 2003 specifically for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The Board designated the Office of Emergency Services to administer the grant and oversee purchasing of equipment and training for local agencies, including fire, police, and first responders. Homeland Security Grants are passed through the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to local jurisdictions and is the single revenue source for budget unit 1100-213. The grant provides 100% reimbursement for allowable expenditures.

The Humboldt County Emergency Communication Center currently utilizes a VESTA 911 telephone system through AT&T. The VESTA Mobile Dispatch System is directly compatible with the current dispatch operating system and will allow the Sheriff's Office to set up an alternate dispatch station outside of the fixed location in the courthouse. This mobility provides the Emergency Communications Center the capabilities for 911 mobile command and control elements during field operations, should the courthouse not be accessible. HSGP funds will cover the total purchase cost of the VESTA 911 Mobile Command System as part of the county's disaster preparedness operations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The supplemental budget request in the amount of \$20,650 will recognize the grant funds in revenue line 1100-213-525320 and establish a fixed asset expense line 1100-213-8074 in budget 1100-213 for FY 2017-18. Homeland Security funds will cover the 100 percent of purchase and setup costs for the VESTA 911 Mobile Command System. There will be no impact to the county General Fund.

The supplemental budget adjustment meets the Board of Supervisors Strategic Framework Plan goal of providing community-appropriate levels of service by managing resources in order to ensure sustainability of services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could deny the request to approve the supplemental budget, however, this is not recommended as Budget Unit 1100-213 for the Homeland Security Grant Program would be unable to fulfill a vital requirement of the county's disaster preparedness plan and ensure 911 emergency communications during a disaster.

ATTACHMENTS:

None