



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-15

For the meeting of: September 12, 2017

Date: August 28, 2017
 To: Board of Supervisors
 From: William F. Honsal, Sheriff
 Subject: Fiscal Year 2017-18 Supplemental Budget Adjustment Request for Emergency Management Performance Grant Budget Unit 274 (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve supplemental budget adjustment request in budget unit 274 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) to allow for acquisition of an emergency mass notification system in fiscal year 2017-18 budget (4/5 vote required).

Revenue	1100-274-546000	Emergency Management Program	\$17,000
Expense	1100-274-2106	Communications	\$17,000

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

CAO Approval _____

REVIEW:

Auditor WBM 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 Fennell

Seconded by Supervisor Bohn

Ayes Fennell, Bohn, Wilson, Bass

Nays

Abstain

Absent Sundberg

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

Dated: September 12, 2017

By: Kathy Hayes
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Emergency Management Grant Program
Sheriff's Operations

DISCUSSION:

In October 2014 the Sheriff's Office contracted with a communications company to provide the county with an emergency mass notification system. After three years of sporadic and unsatisfactory service it became necessary to look elsewhere for a replacement. In 2017 Dorie Lanni, the county's Emergency Services Manager, researched several providers and determined Everbridge Communications as the best option to meet the needs of the community.

Everbridge Communications' mass notification system will be used to notify the public of ongoing threats to public safety. The system has capabilities that allow various user groups to receive custom messages, as well as, meeting the federal and state requirements for Access and Functional Needs (AFN) populations. Humboldt County residents will have access to emergency notifications, messaging, and the ability to provide community feedback in a variety of mediums, such as text, email, and telephone.

Everbridge is modular in design and allows for preloaded messages, voice recordings, and custom alerts to be broadcast in the event of a local emergency. The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) will allow anyone in the area to receive vital public safety information even if they have not yet registered for the service. Furthermore, individuals may register multiple addresses and devices to provide a variety of means of contact. The Everbridge system will be used for notifications of hazardous weather warnings, public safety threats, emergency road closures, law enforcement operations, hazmat incidents, and natural or manmade disasters.

Therefore, the Sheriff's Office is requesting a supplemental budget adjustment to establish the appropriate level of funding in the EMPG budget unit 274 for FY 2017-18 to secure a service agreement with Everbridge Communications for the emergency mass notification system.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total annual cost for the Everbridge mass emergency notification system is \$34,000, and a supplemental budget adjustment in the amount of \$17,000 is requested to cover the increased expenses in budget unit 1100274-2106 EMPG Communications for FY 2017-18. The EMPG grant requires a 50 percent match on all expenses, and the Sheriff's Office has agreed to reimburse EMPG at a rate of 50 percent from discretionary funds in the Sheriff's Operations approved FY 2017-18 budget in 1100221-2106 Communications. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

The supplemental budget adjustment meets the Board of Supervisors Strategic Framework Plan goal of protecting vulnerable populations and managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could deny the request to approve the supplemental budget adjustment, however, this is not recommended as the Sheriff's Office would be unable to utilize EMPG grant funds for the emergency mass notification system.

ATTACHMENTS:

None