



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/9/2026

File #: 26-496

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Governing Body Resolution for Direct Relief Search and Rescue Fund Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) to submit the governing body resolution for the Direct Relief Search and Rescue Fund grant application; and
2. If awarded, authorize the County Administrative Officer, Sheriff, Undersheriff, and the Sheriff's Deputy Director of Financial and Support Services to accept grant funds and sign any documents required by the Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs for participation in the program; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a completed and signed copy of the Resolution to the HCSO in original and email formats, Attention: Lucinda Jackson, for submittal to the funding agency.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

Direct Relief is a California-based disaster relief and medical aid organization that has responded to disasters across the state for decades, including wildfires, storms, and flooding. The organization began its Search and Rescue (SAR) fund in 2023, recognizing the growing demands placed on first responders, especially SAR teams and their volunteers. The SAR fund builds on longstanding support provided by Direct Relief, including rescue vehicles, specialized rescue equipment, and emergency medical backpacks.

The award ceiling for this grant opportunity is \$25,000. If awarded, funds will be used for training and the purchase of equipment and supplies for SAR staff and volunteers.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Direct Relief Search and Rescue Fund

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100, 221)	FY26-27
Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$0</u>
Supplemental Budget Request	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$25,000</u>

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Funding Sources (1100, 221)	FY26-27
Non-Government Organization	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total Funding Sources	<u>\$25,000</u>

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

This will be the HCSO's first application for Direct Relief SAR grant funding. The award ceiling for this grant is \$25,000. If approved, the HCSO will submit a grant application totaling \$24,980.33 for SAR training, equipment, and supplies. If awarded, HCSO will return to your Board for the supplemental budget request.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

There will be no impact on current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Direct Relief

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board may choose not to apply for this federal funding. This is not recommended as search and rescue training, equipment, and supplies are required for the HCSO to safely and effectively respond to critical life-threatening situations. Not receiving this funding would require the HCSO to find other financial sources to cover the costs of training, equipment, and supplies.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution No. _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: n/a

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