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April 03, 2018

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

11 April 3, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACCEPT 2017 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS (ALL AFFECTED DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Board approval is requested to find the proposed actions not a project or exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act and accept the County of Los Angeles' (County) allocation of the 2017 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Funds to make the funds available to the appropriate County departments, cities, and agencies. The SHSP Grant enhances the capacity of State and local agencies to respond to incidents of terrorism, particularly those involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive incidents, as well as natural disasters. The enhancements are provided through coordinated training, exercises, equipment acquisition, and technical assistance.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the County activities to be funded with the 2017 State Homeland Security Program Grant Funds from the Department of Homeland Security do not constitute projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are continuing administrative or organizational activities of government and involve the creation of funding mechanisms that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and do not commit to specific projects which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment or are exempt from CEQA for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the proposed actions;
2. Accept \$10,308,294, in grant funds from the 2017 State Homeland Security Program Grant as distributed through the California Office of Emergency Services, and the allocation of a portion of

such funds to County Departments as set forth in Attachment B;

3. Adopt the attached Governing Body Resolution which authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to apply for and execute State Homeland Security Program Grant awards and all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and augmentations as necessary;

4. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to enter into subrecipient agreements with cities and agencies providing for use and re-allocation of these funds; and to execute all future amendments, modifications, extensions and augmentations relative to the subrecipient agreements, as necessary;

5. Approve the County activities to be funded with 2017 State Homeland Security Program Grant Funds; and

6. Authorize the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and purchase of capital asset items in excess of \$250,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has released grant funding through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to enhance the capacity of the State and local agencies to respond to incidents of terrorism, particularly those involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive incidents, as well as natural disasters. The enhancements are provided through coordinated training, exercises, equipment acquisitions, and technical assistance.

The purpose of this letter is to find the recommended activities do not constitute projects or are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to administer the SHSP Grant on behalf of the Los Angeles County Operational Area. The Board is requested to approve the attached Governing Body Resolution (Attachment A), which provides a list of CEO personnel authorized to sign grant documents for the SHSP grants. The CEO will also be authorized to submit to Cal OES other grant documents including, but not limited to, grant assurances and reimbursement requests.

We are further requesting the CEO be granted delegated authority to enter into subrecipient agreements with the various cities and agencies receiving SHSP Grant Funds. Following the signing of agreements, these funds will be distributed to the cities, agencies and County departments approved by DHS and Cal OES on a cost reimbursement basis. These agreements will be in a form approved by County Counsel.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Strategy 3.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The SHSP Grant is fully funded by the DHS through Cal OES. There is no matching fund requirement or impact on net County cost. Of the \$10,308,294 grant, \$4,384,222 will be retained by

the County for various programs under the grant, including five percent identified for management and administration costs, and \$5,924,072 will be allocated to local jurisdictions and agencies for approved projects/programs.

The funding for the impacted County departments will be distributed as follows: Emergency Preparedness and Response (\$515,415), Fire (\$640,000), Health Services - Administration [Emergency Medical Services] (\$1,249,904), Medical Examiner – Coroner (\$150,000), and the Sheriff (\$1,828,903). The funding needed for Fiscal Year 2017-18 is included in each department's approved budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Cal OES has provided the Los Angeles County Operational Area with specific guidelines for the management and administration of this grant. These guidelines detail the activities and expenditures that are allowable under the grant.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The majority of the County activities to be funded as identified in Attachment B, as well as the disbursement of funds to the cities and agencies, do not constitute projects pursuant to CEQA because they are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b)(2)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines on the basis that they are continuing administrative activities, organizational or administrative activities or creation of funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes or potentially significant physical impacts on the environment. The remainder of the County activities proposed involve installation of small new equipment at existing facilities or ongoing leasing activities which involve negligible or no expansion of an existing use and are therefore categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301(a) and (f) and 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(d) and (i) and 3(b) and (j) of the County's Environmental Documentation and Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. Based on the records of the proposed exempt activities, they will comply with all applicable regulations and are not located in a sensitive environment. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 or indications that the activities may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable based on the project records. Each subrecipient, including cities and other agencies, is required to comply with CEQA, as applicable, in order to be reimbursed with grant funds. To the extent there are any changes proposed to the activities to be funded by the County retained funds, the proposed activities will be reviewed for any further findings, which may be necessary under CEQA. CEO staff will continue to assist the lead federal granting agency, as necessary, to complete its requirement under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, CEO will file a Notice of Exemption for the County's exempt activities with the County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The procurement (Attachment B) will be under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent and will be requisitioned, solicited, and purchased in accordance with County Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

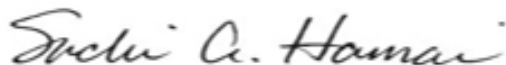
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This SHSP Grant provides funding to the County for planning, equipment, training, exercises, and program management and administration for emergency prevention, preparedness, and response personnel. The grant will have a positive impact on current services by improving and enhancing the County's ability to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other disasters.

CONCLUSION

Upon execution by the Board of Supervisors, please send a copy of the adopted Board letter and five originals of the signed Governing Body Resolution to the Chief Executive Office (Homeland Security Grants Administration) for processing.

Respectfully submitted,



SACHI A. HAMAI

Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- County Counsel
- Fire
- Health Services
- Medical Examiner-Coroner
- Sheriff

ATTACHMENT A

Governing Body Resolution
State Homeland Security Program Grant
(All Grant Years)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors *OF THE* County of Los Angeles *THAT*

Chief Executive Officer , *OR*
Chief Operating Officer , *OR*
Assistant Chief Executive Officer , *OR*
Manager, CEO , *OR*
Principal Analyst, CEO , *OR*
Chief Program Specialist, CEO

is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the named applicant, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security and sub-granted through the State of California.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of April, 2018

Certification

I, SHEILA KUEHL, duly appointed and
(Name)
Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
(Title) (Governing Body)

do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by
the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on the
(Governing body) (Name of Applicant)
3rd day of April, 2018.



Chair, Board of Supervisors

(Official Position)

(Signature)

APR 3 2018

(Date)

ATTEST: CELIA ZAVALA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By

Lachelle Smithman, Deputy

ATTACHMENT B

**2017 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT
ALLOCATION TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Emergency Preparedness and Response | Various costs related to fiscal management of the overall grant program. | \$ 515,415 |
| Fire | Purchase 300 Community Emergency Response Team backpacks and 1,000 manuals; Terrorism Liaison Officer to support information gathering, analysis and sharing; personnel costs related to the Joint Hazard Assessment Team, Regional Training Group and Regional Planning and Exercise Coordinator support functions; and Regional Training Center maintenance and sustainment. | \$ 640,000 |
| Health Services - EMS | Replacement of expired antibiotics and leasing space costs for storage of Homeland Security equipment, supplies and pharmaceuticals. | \$ 1,249,904 |
| Medical Examiner - Coroner | Purchase one response vehicle capable of refrigerated transportation and storage of multiple decedents. | \$ 150,000 |
| Sheriff | Analytical and Investigative subscription to support homeland security investigations; 10 laptops and 10 tablet devices for mobile analytical deployments; Intelligence Server Back-Up System; Remapping of six Los Angeles County law enforcement agency's record management systems; Armorway and MOSAIC maintenance and system upgrades; 1,500 Trauma Kits for field personnel; Emergency Notification Software for Incident Management Teams; Satellite and Telemetry Services; Maintenance for five battery powered rescue ascender units; Radiation Detection, Fit Testing, Gas Detection, and Chemical Detection equipment maintenance; Maintenance and replacement of CBRNE Screening Vessel equipment; Bomb Squad maritime response equipment maintenance; Maintenance of four tactical operation medical manikin units; Maintenance and replacement of dive equipment; Bomb Squad Robotic Repair; Skytrac Software license to improve aero navigation system; Three trailer based camera systems to provide situational awareness; Various classes: Countering Violent Extremism; Weapons of Mass Destruction; Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Search Training; Tactical Medicine Training; Advanced Gas and Electric Appliance Investigation Training; Bomb Technicians and Investigators Training; Basic Maritime Officer's Training; Forensic Fire Death Investigation; Joint Bomb Squad Training; Rapid Assessment and Mitigation Techniques During High Threat Assault Training; Counter-IED Threat Assessment and Mitigation on Vehicle Born IEDs; Unexploded Ordnance Technician; and Emergency Response Training. | \$ 1,828,903 |

Totals \$ 4,384,222