



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) - Mutual Aid Radio Communications (MARC) Unit Cache Replacement

Presenter:

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Description:

2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) - MARC Unit Cache Replacement

Recommended Action:

Approve the Grant Agreement, Adopt the Resolution, Approve the Budget Amendment, and authorize an interfund loan not to exceed \$85,000.00.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Consideration:

The Grant award is \$85,000.00 and does not require a local match. This is a reimbursement Grant and will require an interfund loan for cash flow purposes. The loan will be repaid as Grant funds are received.

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Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

The grant is for \$85,000 and there is no match requirement. However, funds received from the State Homeland Security Grant Program must be applied to those eligible activities as outlined in the Scope of Work of the Agreement. This is a cost-reimbursement Agreement, therefore necessitating authorization for an inter-fund loan not to exceed \$85,000.00.

Since 1999, Alachua County Fire Rescue has been the custodial agency of the tower/trailer and radio equipment used for emergency and non-emergency use in the State of Florida as part of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. The 2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program sub grant agreement will provide replacement of the current radio cache equipment.

In response to a variety of communications problems encountered during incident response, the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Florida Division of Forestry jointly received funding to establish and manage a radio communications program. The intent of the program is to provide radio communications equipment for emergency incidents and non-emergency events in the State. Tower/trailers, mobile and portable radios, repeaters, generators, and related cache equipment were purchased by the State and regionally positioned under the custodial responsibility of a fire department that was willing and able to provide the equipment upon request. Alachua County Fire Rescue was selected as a custodial agency, and has provided that service since 1999.

The sub-grant agreement will continue to keep the MARC unit in an operational state, providing maintenance and sustainment, to be deployed as needed. In addition, the grant award will provide for equipment replacement.

In exchange, Alachua County agrees to be ready and respond to activation orders for deployment by the State Emergency Operations Center. Typically, any expenditure incurred from deployment by Alachua County is reimbursed by the State or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).