



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

AREA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

DATE: March 24, 2004

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 6, 2004

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff Don Horsley, OES Area Coordinator *AKG/DA*

SUBJECT: Approval of FY 04 Homeland Security Grant Program for the San Mateo Operational Area

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution authorizing the OES Area Coordinator or his designee:

1. To submit a grant application to California Office of Homeland Security (OHS) through U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for administration of grant awards to enhance the capabilities of local first responders in the amount not to exceed \$2,638,811; and \$2 million of grant funding to create a Regional Bay Area Terrorism Threat Information Center.
2. To execute the grant agreements and any other documents required by and for the program described in the grant.

Background

DHS is providing financial grants to each of the states for the FY04 Homeland Security Grant through the OHS. To receive funding the San Mateo Operational Area is required to submit a complete application that, in part, includes a resolution from the governing board (San Mateo County Board of Supervisors). This grant program allows continued expansion and enhancement through four basic areas: planning, equipment, training and exercises. The grant program is 100% funded requiring no matching funds.

Discussion

Changes in local, state, national and international conditions have precipitated the necessity for reviewing, updating and upgrading current preparedness, response, and recovery plans

and procedures. This grant will allow jurisdictions to take advantage of funding to revise their plans and procedures; facilitate drafting of plans for community response group, and attending related training. San Mateo County Area Office of Emergency Services (OES) will serve as the administrator for the distribution to County cities and special districts.

County Counsel has reviewed the resolution and approved as to form.

Vision Alignment

The program keeps the commitment of responsive, effective, and collaborative government and goal number 22: County and local governments effectively communicate, collaborate and develop strategic approaches to issues affecting the entire County. The grant contributes to this commitment and goal by providing equipment to first responders of local communities and improves the response capabilities of individuals responding to biological, chemical, or radiological terrorism incidents.

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact on the County, OES, or Sheriff's Office net county cost. The \$4,638,811.00 grant will be utilized for the supplementing and enhancing existing capabilities and facilitating exercises and training, and create a Regional Bay Area Terrorism Threat Information Center. Much of the funding will be channeled to city and special district fire and police services throughout the county. Existing OES staff resources will be used to administer this grant program.