



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DATE: June 22, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: July 14, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff Greg Munks, Office of Emergency Services Area Coordinator
SUBJECT: Approval of FY 09-10 State Homeland Security Grant Program for the San Mateo Operational Area

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee in the capacity as OES Area Coordinator to:

- A. Submit a grant application to California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), through U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for administration of Grant Awards to enhance the capabilities of local First Responders in the amount of \$2,562,928; and
- B. Execute, on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and using County procurement and contract processes, all necessary applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and grant assurances for the purposes of securing and spending funds that may be awarded pursuant to this grant application, and implementing and carrying out the purpose specified in the grant application.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Homeland Security is providing grants to each of the states for the FY 09-10 Homeland Security Grant Program. The funding will pass through the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA). In order to receive funding, the San Mateo County Operational Area is required to submit a completed application that includes a resolution from the governing board (the San Mateo Board of Supervisors). This grant program allows continued expansion and enhancement through four basic areas: planning, equipment, training, and exercises.



DISCUSSION:

Changes in local, state, national, and international conditions have precipitated the necessity for reviewing, updating, and improving current preparedness, response, and recovery plans and procedures. This grant will allow all jurisdictions within the operational area to take advantage of funding to revise their plans and procedures, supplement existing equipment and response capabilities such as upgrading a response vehicle, continue Personal Protective Equipment training, coordinate a multidisciplinary field exercise, and strengthen community response groups. The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) require that the governing body of the recipient agency adopt a resolution authorizing the application. The San Mateo County Area Office of Emergency Services (OES) will serve as the administrator for the grant, and the funds will be administered and spent through County purchasing and contract processes.

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

This grant funding aligns with the Shared Vision 2025 outcome with providing Healthy and safe neighborhoods within the County by bringing Law and Fire, Public Health, Emergency Medical Services, Public Safety Communications and other vital functions in the County together during a disaster or incident through the use of mutual aid. It also provides for citizen preparedness through training and neighborhood team building to better prepare San Mateo County residents for the occurrence of disasters both large scale and local.

Performance Measure(s):

Measure	FY 2008-09 Actual	FY 2009-10 Projected
Number of incidents responded to by OES Staff	48	50
Percent of emergency incidents responded to within one hour	100%	100%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The \$2,562,928 grant amount will be utilized to supplement and enhance existing capabilities and facilitating exercises, training, and planning throughout the County. Existing OES staff resources will be used to administer this grant. There is no fiscal impact on the County, OES or Sheriff's Office net County cost.