



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2015

ITEM NUMBER: **CC-13**

SUBJECT: 2014 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) ALLOCATION

DATE: April 23, 2015

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PRESENTATION BY: LIEUTENANT KEITH DAVIS, EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute the Agreement to Transfer Funds for the 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program.
2. Adopt Resolution _____ that authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to accept the funds for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program, in an amount not to exceed \$ 17,800.00 to purchase 14 replacement laptop computers and software dedicated to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The current laptops (purchased in 2004) have exceeded their ability to function due to extended battery life. The grant will cover the hardware and software needed to support new technology requirements and provide improvements to support emergency management.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Costa Mesa has been participating in the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program since 2001. The purpose of this program is to encourage the development of comprehensive emergency management at the local levels and to encourage the improvement of mitigation, preparedness, and response and recovery capabilities for all hazards. The County of Orange is, and has been, the Grant Recipient of the EMPG Program, with local municipalities being sub-grantees of the EMPG Program.

The program provides minimal fiscal support for the City's efforts in emergency management, disaster preparedness, training and plans development.

Annually, the County of Orange, acting through the Sheriff-Coroner Department/Emergency Management Bureau, in its capacity as the lead agency for the Operational Area, applies for, receives and accepts the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program funds from the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

For the 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program, the County of Orange is requiring an Agreement to Transfer Funds to be signed by the City of Costa Mesa in order for the City of Costa Mesa to receive the grant funds, in arrears, for reasonable and permissible expenditures for grant purposes.

ANALYSIS:

The City puts forth a considerable effort by all departments in training, exercising, and planning to insure a state of readiness for emergencies or disasters. The EMPG program focuses in the area of multi-agency coordination in preparedness and training for City employees and volunteers to support Emergency Operations Center activation during the time of major emergencies or disasters.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The only alternative to consider would be not to participate in the EMPG Program. The City must participate in activities required by the Program to be prepared and assist the community in mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery efforts prior to and after any major disaster or emergency.

FISCAL REVIEW:

This funding will be added to the FY 15-16 preliminary budget amounts.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal has reviewed the documents.

CONCLUSION:

The adoption of this resolution and accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) funds is necessary to recover disaster related expenses for services rendered to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from situations occurring within the City of Costa Mesa and receive assistance from the State of California.

A copy of the resolution and copies of the Agreement to Transfer Funds will be forwarded to the County of Orange, Sheriff-Coroner Department/Emergency Management Bureau, as acting on behalf of the County of Orange in its capacity as the lead agency for the Operational Area.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 [Resolution](#)
 2 [Agreement to Transfer Funds for 2014
\(Emergency Management Performance Grant Program\)](#)