



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

File #: 22-799

Board Meeting Date: 10/18/2022

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael Callagy, County Executive Officer
Subject: FY 2022 High Frequency Communication Equipment Program Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to:

- A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Emergency Management to enter into an agreement with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the distribution of funding for High Frequency Equipment in the amount of \$60,000 for the term of April 1, 2022, to October 31, 2023; and
- B) Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) in the total amount of \$60,000 from Cal OES.

BACKGROUND:

The High Frequency Communications Equipment Program funded by California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) provides funding to Alerting Authorities, Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) or County Sheriff's Offices for equipment that will allow local governments to be included in integrated high frequency radio network services that utilize frequencies from the Federal Communications Commission and capable of communications with state, local, and federal agencies.

DISCUSSION:

The High Frequency Communications Equipment funding will allow the County to install a High Frequency (HF) radio base station in the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which will increase communications capabilities during an emergency, large scale event or training by providing an alternative method to contacting our regional, state, and federal partners.

The resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding from the High Frequency Communications Equipment program in the amount of \$60,000 will be provided by Cal OES for the term April 1, 2022, through October 31, 2023, that will be included in the Department of Emergency Management's FY 2022-2023 budget. There is no Net County Cost.