



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: SHERIFF

File #: 20-717

Board Meeting Date: 9/29/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael P. Callagy, County Manager

Subject: Accept the FEMA Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Plan (HMGP) Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution to:

- A) Accept a reimbursable, matching grant in the amount of \$219,167.25 from the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and
- B) Designate the Sheriff's Homeland Security Captain and/or the OES Supervisor as authorized agents to execute on behalf of the County all necessary applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and grant assurances for the purposes of securing and spending funds that may be awarded and implementing and carrying out the purposes specified in the grant application; and
- C) Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$292,223 to establish a budget appropriation and record revenue for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

BACKGROUND:

In September of 2016, this Board approved and adopted the County's FEMA-approved, five-year, Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJLHMP) that included participation from 18 cities and 10 special districts. The County is eligible for federal and state hazard mitigation grants, including this funding opportunity, as a result of approving this FEMA-approved MJLHMP.

DISCUSSION:

The FEMA HMGP funding will be utilized to hire a contractor to renew and secure a new, FEMA-approved, five-year MJLHMP for the County and all interested cities and special districts.

The FEMA-approved MJLHMP ensures the County and participating cities and special districts eligibility for project grants under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and the Flood Mitigation

Assistance Program. The MJLHMP is required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as a condition for receiving these types of grants including this HMGP grant.

In addition to qualifying for pre-disaster and post-disaster grants and funding, the MJLHMP plays a critical role in developing long-term strategies that will reduce the impacts of future disasters on residents, infrastructure, and the environment by pre-identifying hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities.

The planning process will be extensive and include strong public involvement from partners, stakeholders, and residents to ensure greater input, support, and understanding of this community-driven document. Hazard mitigation planning will protect public safety and prevent loss of life and injury; reduce harm to existing and future development; maintain community continuity; prevent damage to our existing infrastructure and the environment; reduce the costs of disaster response and recovery; and accelerate recovery of government, businesses, and our community after disasters.

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant is a matching, reimbursable grant in the amount of \$219,167.25. The 34-month, reimbursable grant commenced on April 13, 2020, and concludes on February 11, 2023. The matching requirement of \$73,055.75 is being covered by Net County Cost and has been included in the FY 2020-21 budget.