

County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT File #: 22-985

Board Meeting Date: 12/13/2022

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael Callagy, County Executive

Subject: FY 2022-23 High Frequency Communication Equipment Program Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

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 receipt of funding totaling \$60,0000 to purchase High Frequency Equipment for the term of April 1, 2022, to October 31, 2023.

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 EOC which will increase communications capabilities during an emergency, large scale event or training by providing an alternative method to contacting regional, state, and federal partners.

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

The funding from the High Frequency Communications Equipment program in the amount of \$60,000 during the April 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023 term will be included in the Department of Emergency Management's FY 2022-23 budget. There is no Net County Cost.