



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE

Fiscal Year 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Agreement with Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for Emergency Operation Center Upgrades

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Take the following actions:

- 1) Accept the State Homeland Security Grant Subgrant Award Agreement (2022-2LOC-FEO-224) with Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) in the amount of \$40,484 to update communication and technology tools for the Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) upstairs training room; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement and any other grant related documents; and
- 3) Authorize EMA Planning and Grants Division Manager to submit the Agreement electronically through the ALEA grants portal on behalf of the Baldwin County Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Background: On July 5, 2022 (Agenda Item BK1), the Baldwin County Commission approved the submittal of two applications for the State Homeland Security Grant Program with ALEA. Only one was approved.

As of November 1, 2022, ALEA has granted Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency's (EMA) funds for its Emergency Operations Center upstairs training room in the amount of \$40,484. Due to a typographical error, the amount is greater than originally requested.

The State Homeland Security Grant Program is a federally funded FEMA grant program focused on enhancing the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks. These grants do not require any local match; they are fully funded up to \$50,000.00.

Previous Commission action/date: July 5, 2022 - The BCC approved the submittal of two applications for the State Homeland Security Grant Program with ALEA. One for the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) in the amount of \$46,790.00 to acquire low-night vision goggles to improve low-light capabilities during tactical situations. The second application was for the Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$28,996.00 to update communication and technology tools for

the upstairs training room of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Homeland Security Grant Applications for Fiscal Year 2022 and accompanying letters of support signed by the Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission were submitted by staff electronically prior to Commission approval due to time constraints and the submission deadline of July 2, 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: \$40,484 to be offset by grant funds.

Budget line item(s) to be used: N/A

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?
No. There is no local match for this grant.

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?
N/A

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: N/A

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: EMA Planning and Grants Division Manager to submit the Agreement electronically through the ALEA grants portal on behalf of the Baldwin County Commission.

Administration Staff - notify parties listed below of execution of grant agreement.

Finance Staff - create the grant project string in the BCC financial accounting system
Katrina Taylor, Grants Coordinator

EMA will purchase and monitor the use of grant equipment
Danon Smith, Emergency Management Officer/Records Manager
Vernon Dandridge, Planning and Grants Division Manager

Michael Purner, Logistics Division Manager

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):
N/A

Additional instructions/notes: Administration to place in tickler. EMA to provide all supporting documentation.