

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: April 16, 2026

From: Police Department

Subject: Homeland Security Grant Program

Recommended Action: 1) Accept a Homeland Security Grant as a subrecipient through the County of Santa Cruz in an amount up to \$50,000; and 2) adopt a resolution amending the FY 2025–26 General Fund operating budget to increase revenues and expenditures by up to \$50,000.

Background: The County of Santa Cruz is the recipient of federal funds under the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), Assistance Listing 97.067, administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and funded through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA.

As part of the FY 2022 SHSGP award, the City of Capitola has been identified as a subrecipient for reimbursement funding in an amount up to \$50,000 for the purchase of two portable electronic message boards. The grant is administered through the County of Santa Cruz Operational Area (OR3) and supports regional emergency preparedness and response capabilities. The performance period extends through May 31, 2026, and procurement must be completed by May 1, 2026, in accordance with grant requirements.

Discussion: The Police Department will utilize grant funds to purchase two additional portable electronic message boards to enhance public safety communication during emergencies, evacuations, traffic incidents, and planned events. These message boards will also serve as a regional County asset, available for deployment throughout the Santa Cruz Operational Area to support coordinated emergency response and public information efforts.

This project supports Homeland Security Grant Program objectives by improving emergency communication and regional coordination. All equipment must be FEMA Authorized Equipment List compliant, and procurement must follow applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

The City is responsible for maintaining required documentation, including procurement records, proof of payment, and asset tracking. Reimbursement will be processed through the County of Santa Cruz upon submission and approval of required documentation.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact to the General Fund. Acceptance of the grant will increase both revenues and expenditures by up to \$50,000. The City will initially fund the purchase and will be reimbursed upon approval of eligible costs.

Attachments:

1. Subrecipient contract and rider
2. Resolution

Alignment with 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Priority: Accountable Government; Community Safety

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