



CONFIRE

STAFF REPORT

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TO: Administrative Committee

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Modification of FY2022 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds

Recommendation

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$88,431 from the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) to support the CAD-to-CAD interoperability platform annual cloud-hosting fees.
2. Authorize CONFIRE staff to modify the grant for other CAD-to CAD related projects, including consulting services.

Background Information

CONFIRE submitted an application in December 2021 for \$90,000 in FY2022 HSGP grant funds in support of the Inland Empire Public Safety Operations Platform (CAD-to-CAD) project. The process to award those funds was protracted, resulting in an application approval and authorization to spend letter issued by the California Office of Emergency Services and San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services, along with notification of an amended grant in the amount of \$88,421 in February 2024. The original application was to fund the annual fee to host the system on the Internet (cloud). These funds have been included in the FY24/25 budget in Fund 5019 (CAD-to-CAD Fund).

During the time between the application for the FY 2022 HSGP grant in December 2021 and its award in early 2024. The vendor's pricing structure for the program was changed to a subscription model and the annual cloud-hosting fee was eliminated. Thus, the purpose for which the grant was applied for was negated. However, the grant allows for a modification from the original intent. There is a need to enlist the services of an independent contractor to assist with project management services related to a specific aspect of the CAD-to-CAD program. This is due to the complexity of that effort and the need for CONFIRE staff to remain focused on other aspects of the project as impending go live deadlines draw closer.

CONFIRE received a quote for consulting services for \$25,000 from the National Public Safety Group to assist with project management on an effort to upgrade a critical component of the platform that will improve its overall stability and performance.

Additional funds remaining from this grant will be used to develop enhanced IE PSOP capabilities, including the ability to interface through the CAD-to-CAD platform with the federal Incident Resource Ordering Capability (IROC) system and to procure additional consulting services for that and other CAD-to-CAD efforts.

A grant modification request will be submitted to the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services and must be approved before funds can be expended on the updated projects.

A sole source justification is included in this action for the retention of the consulting services of National Public Safety Group. The quote is below the threshold requiring such approvals; however it is prudent to submit the justification to cover the potential of additional services required for these efforts.

Attachments:

OES FY2022 HSGP Authorization to Spend Approval Letter

FY22 HSGP Approved Project Worksheet

FY2022 HSGP Modification Request Form

CONFIRE Non-Competitive Justification Form

National Public Safety Group (Consultant) Draft Agreement