



STAFF REPORT

July 20, 2022
File Number 0480-70

SUBJECT

FY2022 CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (Cal OES) HIGH FREQUENCY COMMUNICATIONS \$55,516 GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT

Fire

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council authorize the Escondido Fire Department to accept FY 2022 Cal OES Grant funds in the amount of \$55,516 to purchase and install a High Frequency radio in the City's Emergency Operations Center; authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Fire: Rick Vogt)

Presenter: Jeff Murdock

FISCAL ANALYSIS

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

The Escondido Fire Department received a FY 2022 Cal OES Grant in the amount of \$55,516. This program will allow the City of Escondido ("City") to purchase and install a High Frequency radio in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This will allow Escondido to be included in an integrated high frequency radio network that utilizes frequencies authorized by the Federal Communications Commission. This network is intended to provide a means of communications with state, local and federal agencies.

The High Frequency Radio Network equipment is a communications backup system to provide reliable communications during a disaster from Escondido's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services, California State Office of Emergency Services and other local participating Emergency Operation Centers. This equipment is a stand-alone, point-to-point communications system that does not require infrastructure (cell towers, radio repeaters, fiber optics



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cable, etc.) to communicate emergency information between the network participants. This system will be utilized when all other forms of communications equipment is not functional as the result of a disaster or terrorist attack.

Included in the grant is a portable system that can be deployed at an alternative location if the City's EOC is not available or functional. The portable system can also be used as a communications system between the City's EOC and the City's Command Van if the public safety radio communications systems and cellular networks are not functional.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment "1" - Budget Adjustment