

Should this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda the following motion is suggested:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2025-02 authorizing an application to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.




CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

From: Robert Baty, Chief of Police; Stan Eliason, Harbor Master & Craig Warren, Fire Chief

Date: January 6, 2025

Subject: **Approval of Grant Application to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM)**

Background and Analysis

The Sitka Police, Harbor and Fire Department are applying for a non-matching Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Grant (DHS&EMG) in the amount of \$265,477.24. This grant is used for helping fund our community's preparation for emergencies.

A part of the grant (\$32,340.93) would be used to replace outdated mobile radios in the Police Department patrol vehicles. Current radio inventory is reaching/has exceeded recommended lifespan and replacement accessories are no longer being made for current inventory.

Another part of the grant (\$10,690.46) would be used to replace outdated portable radios for the Harbor Department. Current radio inventory is reaching/has exceeded recommended lifespan and replacement accessories are no longer being made for current inventory.

The last part of the grant (\$222,445.85) would be used to replace outdated portable radios for the Sitka EMS and Search and Rescue team. Current radio inventory is reaching/has exceeded recommended lifespan and replacement accessories are no longer being made for current inventory.

The Police Department has annually applied for this grant from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management since 2003. Items purchased with these grants greatly help improved the safety and security of Sitka and its residents. Some of the equipment purchased includes the Emergency Response Vessel (ERV), the repowering of the ERV, replacing the floatation on the ERV, the tsunami warning system

towers, Life Scan Fingerprint System, upgraded camera security for the PD, Harbors and City Hall, new radio consoles for the PD, new portable radios for the PD & FD, Active Shooter Training, Forward Looking Infrared Radiation System for the ERV, alarm package for the hilltop joint communication site (ALMR), emergency communications for the EOC, a Radio Repeater Install at Mud Bay and a Secure Access Upgrade for PD.

Fiscal Note

As there is no match requirement for this grant program, should this grant application be approved, a supplemental appropriation in the amount \$265,477.24 would be requested. The appropriation would impact the General Fund/Capital Project Fund and the Harbor Fund, and the appropriations would likely be both fixed asset and capital in nature. Of note, all equipment purchased with funds from Homeland Security must be documented and agency approval must be obtained prior to sale/disposal.

Recommendation

Approve the accompanying resolution authorizing the Municipal Administrator to apply for this grant and execute it should it be awarded.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DHS&EM)

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Police and Fire Departments seek to obtain a grant in the amount of \$265,477.24 to cover the cost of new mobile and portable radios for the Police, Harbor, Fire Department EMS and SAR; and

WHEREAS, the DHS&EM has a grant program available to cover the cost; and

WHEREAS, the grant will have no other costs associated with it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the Administrator is authorized to apply for and execute the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Grant.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 14th day of January, 2025.

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading: January 14, 2025

Sponsor: Administrator