




CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator 

From: Craig Warren, Fire Chief

Date: December 28, 2023

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

Background and Analysis

The Sitka Fire Department is applying for a non-matching Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Grant (DHS&EMG) in the amount of \$414,150.07. This grant is used for helping fund our community's preparation for emergencies.

A part of the grant (\$221,170.27) would be used to replace outdated portable radios for the Fire Department and EMS. 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Another part of the grant (\$49,365.58) would be used to replace outdated mobile radios for the Fire Department and EMS. 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The last part of the grant (\$143,614.22) would be used to replace outdated portable radios for the Sitka Search and Rescue team.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 capital appropriation in the amount \$414,150.07 would be requested. 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

**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 Department seeks to obtain a grant in the amount of \$414,150.07 to cover the cost of new portable and mobile radios for the 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 9th day of January, 2024.

Kevin Mosher, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading: 1/9/24

Sponsor: Administrator