

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2020-01 on first and final reading authorizing a \$535,210 grant application to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS & EM).



City & Borough of Sitka

Police Department

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Memorandum

January 23, 2020

To: Mayor Paxton and Assembly Members
Hugh Bevan, Municipal Administrator

From: Chief Baty

Subject: Grant Application to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

The Sitka Police Department is applying for a non-matching Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Grant (DHS&EMG) for the amount of \$535,210. This grant is used for helping fund our community's preparation for emergencies.

Part of the grant (\$485,210) would be for Voting and Simulcast LMR radio system for the City and Borough of Sitka with installation on current communication site owned by Alaska Communications Services. Currently there are a number of communication holes in the radio coverage of Sitka due to the large mountains surrounding the town, and now the road system is being extended 9 miles into Katlian Bay, where there is close to zero radio coverage because of a large mountain. This project will allow multiple radio sites to vote on which site will receive the radio call, and transmit from multiple high sites without the radio user having to manually change talk groups or channels. This system will cover all of the emergency response agencies in Sitka (Police, Fire and EMS, and Search and Rescue).

There will be a monthly rental fee for using the ACS site which is estimated to be \$750 which would be paid from the 911 surcharge that is restricted for such uses.

The rest of the grant funding (\$50,000) would be used to replace and upgrade the current secure door access system for the Police Department. The current Kantech System is over 10 years old and runs on an operating system that is no longer supported, making it difficult to repair or buy supplies for.

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), and

emergency communications for the EOC. Please note that any equipment purchased with these funds must receive DHS approval prior to disposal or sale.

Fiscal Note:

If approved, a supplemental appropriation for fixed assets in the amount of \$535,210 will come before the Assembly.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AUTHORIZING A \$535,210
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DHS&EM)**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Police Department seeks to obtain a grant to cover the cost of a purchasing and installing a Voting and Simulcast LMR radio system for the City and Borough of Sitka with installation on current communication site owned by Alaska Communications Services, as well as replace and upgrade the current secure door access system for the Police Department; and

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

WHEREAS, there will be a monthly communications site rental fee to be covered by 911 surcharge; 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 Interim Administrator is authorized to apply for the grant and to execute the grant if received.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 28th day of January, 2020.

Gary L. Paxton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 01/28/2020

Sponsor: Interim Administrator