

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

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2021-02 on first and final reading authorizing a \$75,000 grant 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, Police Chief

Date: January 20, 2021

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

Background and Analysis

The Sitka Police Department is applying for a non-matching Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Grant (DHS&EMG) for the amount of \$75,000. This grant is used for helping fund our community's preparation for emergencies.

The grant would be for a communications repeater, installed at Mud Bay, for the City and Borough of Sitka. Currently there are a number of communications 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 repeater will cover all of the emergency response agencies in Sitka (Police, Fire and EMS, and Search and Rescue).

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.

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 \$75,000 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.

Sponsor: Administrator

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AUTHORIZING A
\$75,000 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 communications repeater, estimated to be \$75,000, for the City and Borough of Sitka; 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 Municipal Administrator is authorized to apply for the grant and execute the grant through the DHS&EM Grant Program.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 26th day of January 2021.

Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 01/26/2021

Sponsor: Administrator