RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-50

MEETING: February 19, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Wilson, County Fire Chief

RE: Accept Additional Re-Obligated EMPG Funds

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve Amendment 2 to Federal Grant #EMW-2011-EP-00048 with the California Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Accepting $40,000 in Re-Obligated Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funds to Improve the Fire Department’s Communication Capabilities and Ratify the Signature of the Fire Chief on the Amendment. Cal EMA has announced availability of additional or re-obligated EMPG funding for current grant recipients. Mariposa County has been offered an additional $40,000 with the condition that the project must be completed on or before March 31, 2013.

EMPG is a Federal block grant program administered by Cal EMA that enables local governments to better plan and prepare for disaster response and recovery. Occasionally some percentage of statewide obligated funding goes unused and is returned to Cal EMA for re-obligation. That is the case with this $40,000 allotment to Mariposa County. Since it is re-obligated funds from the 2011 grant cycle, the window of opportunity is very narrow. To qualify for re-obligation the project must be complete by March 31, 2013.

The Mariposa County Fire Department (MCFD) submitted a proposal to Cal EMA to purchase portable communication equipment that is digital (P-25 Standard) compatible and interoperable in the State system. The proposal was accepted by Cal EMA and the 2011 EMPG was modified as indicated on the attached Project Ledger as Project D (Line 4). EMPG carries a 1:1 match requirement. That match has already been met through the purchase of communication equipment from the Fire Department’s approved budget.

This project will assist MCFD with replacing old communication equipment with radios that will comply with new generation requirements mandated through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) narrow-banding requirements as well as digital compatibility mandates that will soon be required. MCFD can complete the project before the deadline.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has previously approved accepting funding from the EMPG program.
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Forego an opportunity to update some outdated and incompatible portable communication equipment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
The adjustments to revenue and appropriation line items have been included in the 2012-13 Mid-Year requests.

ATTACHMENTS:
KMBT20020130206145409   (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER:  Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES:  Stetson, Bibby, Cann, Carrier, Jones
California Emergency Management Agency

GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT  Subgrant Award # 2011-0048

Federal Grant # EMW-2011-EP-00048  Amendment # 2

Project # FY11 EMPG  FIPS # 043-00000  Subgrant Performance Period 7/1/2011 to 3/31/2013

This amendment is between the California Emergency Management Agency, hereafter called Cal EMA and the following:
Administrative Agency  County of Mariposa

The Recipient agrees to the amendment of this Grant Award Agreement as specified below:

Increase 11 EMPG funds from 128,391 to 168,391.
Increase 11 EMPG Match from 128,391 to 168,391.

To change the end date of the grant award from 12/31/2012 to 3/31/2013.
Funds totaling 168,391 are to be extended to 3/31/2013.

RECIPIENT (Certification and Signature of Authorized Agent)

I hereby certify that I am vested with the authority to enter into this subgrant amendment, and all funds received pursuant to this amendment will be spent exclusively on the purposes specified. All other provisions of this agreement shall remain as previously agreed.

BY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE  DATE

[Signature]

12/31/2012

PRINTED NAME  TITLE

Jim Wilson  Fire Chief

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AMOUNT ENCUMBRED BY THIS DOCUMENT  PROGRAM / CATEGORY  FUND (XXX)

AMOUNT ENCUMBRED FOR THIS GRANT A  ITEM  CHAP  STAT  EXPIRY YEAR

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBRED TO DATE  RCA NUMBER

I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.

SIGNATURE OF CAEMA FINANCIAL OFFICER  DATE

[Signature]

97,042

Grant Award Amendment - Cal EMA 2-213 (Revised 5/12)