



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 30, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: David Sprague, Fire Chief
Subject: State Homeland Security Grant Program Application to Implement CAD to CAD Interface between the City of Berkeley Emergency Communications Center and the Alameda County Regional Dispatch Center

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and manage a grant for the CAD to CAD Interface Project between the City of Berkeley Emergency Communications Center (COB ECC) and the Alameda County Regional Dispatch Center (ACRECC), with a total project cost of \$99,600. This project is crucial for enhancing communication and coordination between agencies.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total project cost is \$99,600. This grant application seeks to fund the entirety of the project through FEMA's funded State Homeland Security Grant Program under the equipment category with FEMA's Authorized Equipment Number (AEL) 4AP-01-CADS. There are no other sources of funding currently being requested or utilized for this project.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Currently, COB ECC and ACRECC operate on disparate computer-aided dispatch (CAD) systems. This lack of interoperability poses significant challenges in coordinating responses to emergencies. The proposed project aims to connect these two systems to enhance information sharing, backup, and redundancy.

BACKGROUND

Emergency Communication Centers (ECC) are the hub of any emergency response system. While Berkeley operates its own ECC, dispatchers communicate with dispatchers in the ACRECC numerous times per day because ACRECC provides call prioritization and emergency medical dispatch (EMD) for the City of Berkeley. There is key information that is collected by ACRECC dispatchers that is not efficiently provided back to Berkeley. Additionally, ACRECC coordinates both fire, rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency medical service mutual aid for the County. This project will create a digital link between dispatch centers that will:

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- Improve regional capabilities in responding to high-risk situations,
- Enhance interoperability and coordinated response efforts,
- Strengthen community preparedness and resilience, and
- Result in better resource mobilization and utilization during emergencies.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Berkeley Police and Fire Departments are consistently evaluating the needs of the City's ECC and identified this opportunity to enhance data sharing for better, coordinated response.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

GRANT APPLICATION: STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT CAD TO CAD INTERFACE BETWEEN THE CITY OF BERKELEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND THE ALAMEDA COUNTY REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER

WHEREAS Emergency Communication Centers (ECC) are the hub of any emergency response system, and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be used to make significant improvements to interagency communication, and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used to implement Computer-Aided Dispatch software intended for data sharing and improved dispatch communication for both the City of Berkeley Emergency Communications Center and Alameda County Regional Emergency Communications Center.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to apply for and accept a grant, and any amendments, from the State Homeland Security Grant Program for up to \$99,600 to implement data sharing software to both jurisdictions CAD system.

