

Council Meeting Staff Report

January 29, 2019

Agenda No.: D.

Indexes (Council Goals):

Presenters: Harry Burgess

Legislative File: 11575-19

Title

Approval to Submit a Revised E911 Grant Application to the New Mexico Department of Information Technology to Upgrade the 911 System Equipment in an Amount Not To Exceed \$250,000

Recommended Action

I move that Council approve the request to submit a revised grant application to the New Mexico Department of Information Technology in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. I further move that Council direct the County Manager to execute the grant agreement upon award by New Mexico Department of Information Technology.

County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that Council approve the request to submit a grant application to the New Mexico Department of Information Technology as requested.

Body

Approval to submit a grant agreement was approved by Council on October 30, 2018 in the amount of \$196,758.90. However, the granting agency, New Mexico Department of Information Technology (DOIT), advised the County that further equipment was needed and the grant application should be adjusted and resubmitted. We are requesting approval for up to \$250,000 in case DOIT modifies the estimate for the granted equipment which DOIT purchases.

The Enhanced 911 (E-911) Act, NMSA 1978, Section 63-9D-8 places oversight responsibility of the E-911 Program with the E-911 Bureau of the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance. The E-911 Bureau facilitates funding to local public bodies charged with operating E-911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) using grant agreements, of which the County of Los Alamos has been a recipient for several decades. On behalf of the grantees, the E-911 Bureau procures price agreements and pays vendors for goods and services provided, such as network access and database services, hardware, software, equipment maintenance, and training on E-911 and geographic information system (GIS) mapping. The 911 equipment used by our PSAP, both hardware and software, was last upgraded in 2011 through a similar grant with the State of New Mexico. Best practices have the equipment replaced every five (5) years, and the State delayed the replacements due to state funding concerns. Consequently, the equipment we currently use has reached its end of life due to its age by several years, is no longer supported, and some replacement parts are no longer available for the existing equipment.

This will be the second E-911 grant awarded to the County this year. The amount of the first grant award is \$164,296 for continual maintenance on our existing equipment, language interpretation services, GIS mapping, and training on E-911.

Alternatives

The alternative to submitting the grant application is to not have the funds necessary to upgrade the 911 system equipment at this time.

Fiscal and Staff Impact/Planned Item

This grant does not require a match.

Attachments

A - Revised E-911 Grant Revised Application to New Mexico Department of Information Technology

B - Revised E-911 Grant Revised Matrix