



**Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to accept and appropriate \$31,915 from the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

**Background/Justification**

Durham County has been awarded the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), which will provide funding for a thermal camera for the bomb robot. The Sheriff's Office is one of 14 bomb squads in North Carolina, each squad is assigned to a specific region to support explosive mitigation to all 100 Counties. The Durham County HDU is assigned to a five-county region compiling of Durham, Granville, Person, Orange, and Chatham counties. The Durham County Sheriff's Office serves as the sole bomb squad for this region, which is comprised of an estimated 932,108 residents. Equipment purchased under the HSGP is utilized in a collaborative and regional manner to serve all areas within our region, as such equipment purchased is a regional asset to be utilized by the USDHS, North Carolina Emergency Management, or Domestic Preparedness Region partners and statewide as needed. Funding will also be utilized to purchase an ATV to deploy during search and recovery efforts for missing persons. These types of responses often require officers to traverse through rough terrains which limits their ability to carry lifesaving resources, equipment and transport injured or disabled persons.

**Policy Impact**

This award will provide updated equipment for the Hazardous Devices Unit and the Search and Recovery Team, which will enhance responder safety and provide additional mutual aid resources which will serve as a regional benefit.

**Procurement Background**

Quotes were obtained prior to the grant submittal; however, procurement will occur after grant acceptance.

**Fiscal Impact**

All expenditures associated with this grant are for non-recurring equipment purchases. No County match is required as a part of this grant, there is no additional on-going fiscal commitment required as a part of this grant award.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends that the Board accept and appropriate \$31,915 from the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to the Durham County Sheriff's Office.