



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to accept and appropriate \$50,000.00 in Homeland Security Grant Program funds to support the purchase of various tools and equipment for the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team and Hazardous Devices Unit.

Background/Justification

Durham County has been awarded the 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), which will provide funding for bomb technician equipment. The Sheriff's Office is one of 14 bomb squads in North Carolina, each squad is assigned a specific region in an effort to support explosive mitigation to all 100 Counties. The Durham County HDU is assigned 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.

Policy Impact

This award will provide updated equipment for the Emergency Response Team and the Hazardous Devices Unit, which will enhance responder safety and provide additional mutual aid resources which will serve 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. Since this is a reimbursable grant expenditures lines and revenue lines are being increased.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approves of accepting the \$50,000.00 HSGP award.