



Legislation Text

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Item:

Budget Ordinance Amendment 19BCC000040 - Durham County Sheriff's Office Acceptance of \$50,000.00 in 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Date of BOCC Meeting: March 11, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000040 accepting \$50,000.00 in Homeland Security Grant Program funds to the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

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. Since this is a reimbursable grant expenditures are being increased through this action to make the equipment purchases, and then receive the revenue as well.

The Sheriff's Office funds will be used to support the purchase of various tools and systems for our Emergency Response Team and the Hazardous Devices Unit that will help mitigate potential dangers responders face in the response to potential bomb threats. There is no match requirement for this grant and no additional funding is required.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Funds will be used to support the purchase of personal protective equipment for our Emergency Response Team and Hazardous Devices Unit to provide adequate protection for deputies and to serve as a regional resource which is consistent with goal 3 of the strategic plan.

Resource Persons: David LaBarre, Durham County Sheriff's Office, Director of Planning & Development; Anthony Prignano, Durham County Sheriff's Office, Colonel of Detention Services.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 19BCC000040 accepting \$50,000.00 in Homeland Security Grant Program funds to the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

County Manager: _____