



Legislation Text

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Item:

Budget Ordinance Amendment 21BCC000045 to Recognize \$33,000 in Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds for the Durham County Sheriff's Office

Date of BOCC Meeting: October 12, 2020

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000045 recognizing \$33,000 in Homeland Security Grant Program funds for the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

Durham County has been awarded the 2020 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.

The Sheriff's Office funds will be used to support the purchase of emergency personal protective equipment for the Hazardous Devices Unit. This will help mitigate potential dangers responders face in the response to potential bomb threats. This is a reimbursable grant that doesn't require any match. No additional funding is required.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This aligns with the Strategic Plan Goal 3: Safe Community

Resource Persons: Tom Cote, Special Teams Captain, Durham County Sheriff's Office; David LaBarre, Director of Planning & Development, Durham County Sheriff's Office.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21BCC000045 recognizing \$33,000 in Homeland Security Grant Program funds for the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

County Manager: _____