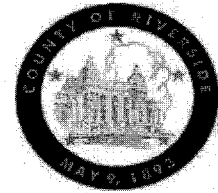


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
3.25
(ID # 3243)

MEETING DATE:


Tuesday, January 17, 2017

FROM : FIRE DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT: Authorization to Apply for California Office of Traffic Safety Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grant Program; [All Districts] [up to \$200,000] 100% State Funds

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Authorize Riverside County Fire Department to apply for the California Office of Traffic Safety Emergency Medical Services Grant Program.

ACTION: Policy


John Williams, Chief of Fire Riverside County 1/10/2017


FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State Funds			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 17/18	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 17, 2017
xc: Fire

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy
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BACKGROUND:

Summary

The purpose of the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grant Program is to provide timely access to life-saving emergency medical services in the critical effort to reduce fatalities and life-altering injuries resulting from motor vehicle collisions.

The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is California's lead traffic safety organization and is located within the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA). The OTS is tasked with developing and implementing a highway safety program that addresses the behavioral factors that impact safety on the road and funds programs that provide life-saving equipment, training, reliable ambulance transportation, effective communications, public information, education, and access to data and evaluation tools.

The goal of the annual program is to prevent serious injury and death resulting from motor vehicle crashes so that all roadway users arrive at their destination safely. Using Federal Highway Safety Program funds, the OTS partners with political subdivisions of the state to address California's highway safety needs at the state, county and local level. California OTS funds ten separate grants for various traffic related causes focusing on impaired driving, safety, and EMS.

The Fire Departments grant request will include funding for our EMS rescue and extrication program. The grant funding will replace outdated rescue and extrication equipment which are used in emergency technical rescue to lift and stabilize large loads and to cut vehicles to remove trapped individuals. The current equipment is on average 20 years old with a life usefulness recommendation of 10 years. The equipment is strategically assigned to fire stations to most efficiently reach all geographic regions of the County.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-30, the Department is requesting authorization to apply for a grant in the amount not to exceed \$200,000. If the Fire Department is awarded funding, we will seek acceptance of the award from the Board of Supervisors.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

These funds are dedicated to protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire related hazards in the unincorporated area.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

There is no financial match requirement for the OTS grant.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

The department has not applied for the OTS grant since 2007.