

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



ITEM: 3.11  
(ID # 18203)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, February 08, 2022

**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 \$785,000, 100% Federal 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:**

*Bill Weiser*

Bill Weiser, Fire Department Chief

1/20/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: February 8, 2022  
xc: Fire

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By: 

Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% Federal Funds			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 22/23-23/24	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The purpose of the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grant Program, by use of Federal Highway Safety Program funds, 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. OTS partners with political subdivisions of the state to address California's highway safety needs at the state, county and local level.

The Fire Departments grant request will include funding for our EMS rescue and extrication program. The grant funding will replace outdated extrication equipment which are used in emergency technical rescue cut vehicles to remove trapped individuals. The equipment will be strategically assigned to fire stations to most efficiently reach all statistically identified high crash risk roadways located in 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 \$785,000. If the Fire Department is awarded funding, we will seek acceptance of the award from the Board of Supervisors.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

These funds will be used to purchase extrication equipment dedicated to protecting the health and safety of the public involved in traffic collisions on or near the highways located throughout the County.

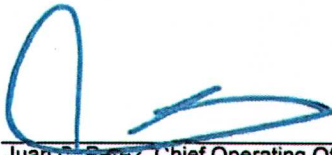
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**Additional Fiscal Information**

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 2017 and were not awarded any funds as a result of that application.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Juan C. Perez', is written above a horizontal line.

Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer

2/2/2022