

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: John Brand, Senior Management Analyst 

DATE: March 28, 2006 (CC meeting of April 5, 2006)

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution Authorizing Submittal of an Emergency Management Performance Grant Application in the Amount of \$9,275 as the City's Share of the Ventura County Operational Area Allocation

SUMMARY

The City Council is being asked to consider authorizing submittal of the City's application for an Emergency Management Performance Grant.

BACKGROUND

The federal Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, better known as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides grants to help state and local governments better prepare for and respond to all hazards, disasters, and emergency situations. The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program provides states the flexibility to allocate funds according to risk vulnerabilities and to address the most urgent state and local needs in disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The need to enhance emergency management systems in California was recognized in the Governor's Executive Order (S-02-05) and demonstrated in the lessons learned from the 2005 Katrina and Rita disasters in the south and gulf states. The EMPG program provides an opportunity to achieve greater integration of these emergency management systems at all levels of government.

The purpose of the Fiscal Year 2006 EMPG program is to support comprehensive emergency management at the state, tribal, and local levels. Funds provided under the EMPG may be used to support activities that contribute to the grant recipient's capability to prevent, prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters, whether natural or man-made.

DISCUSSION

California has been allocated \$14,093,714 for FY06 EMPG, and will subgrant \$7,046,857 to County Operational Areas, retaining 50% for state-level activities. Out of that \$7,046,857, Ventura County will receive \$141,594. As the Operational Area lead agency, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) will retain 2.5% or \$3,540 for grant administration. Of the remaining \$138,054, 50% or \$69,027 of this will be divided by 11 (10 cities and the unincorporated areas) for a base amount of \$6,275.18. The remaining \$69,027 will be divided on per capita basis according to the 2006 Department of Finance Demographic Figures. Moorpark is 4.35% of the county population and is entitled to receive a total of \$9,275.92, including the base allocation. Staff proposes to claim the entire amount available to the City. The City must complete a funding request form and adopt an appropriate authorizing resolution to receive the money, which is paid on a reimbursement basis. The City's funding request must be consistent with the state's goals and objectives for the funds. The goals and objectives of the state EMPG program address seven main categories:

1. Hazard Mitigation
2. Emergency Planning
3. Emergency Preparedness
4. Training, Exercises and Evaluation
5. Communications, Alert and Warning
6. Emergency Response
7. Recovery

Typically, the City deposits this grant in its fund 2609 and uses the money to support a small portion of its on-going emergency preparedness activities. Staff proposes to submit a funding request to use the EMPG grant to help pay for the following eligible expenses for staff training, equipment, and supplies in one or more of the following areas: Crisis Communications and the public; EOC Operations; Emergency Services Coordinator advanced training; Disaster Recovery; and to conduct an emergency response exercise utilizing new National Incident Management System (NIMS) procedures. The EMPG grant revenue was anticipated in the FY 2006-2007 budget request for Emergency Management expenditures currently being developed by staff for future consideration by Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the grant funding request and adopt Resolution No. 2006-_____.

Attachment "A" EMPG Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Moorpark City Council recognizes that it is in the public interest to implement programs to support homeland security, emergency preparedness, and disaster response; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has provided Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds that may be used for necessary and essential expenses involved in the development, maintenance, and improvement of state and local emergency management programs; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has been allocated federal EMPG funds and subgranted certain EMPG funds to designated county Operational Areas; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, as lead agency for the Ventura County Operational Area, has designated EMPG funds that are available to the City of Moorpark.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Moorpark authorizes the submittal of an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in accordance with grant guidelines established by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services; and

SECTION 2. The City Manager; Assistant City Manager; Senior Management Analyst coordinating Emergency Management Services; or a designee named by the City Manager, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Moorpark any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security and subgranted through the state of California, including all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements and amendments for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2006.

Patrick Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah S. Traffenstedt, City Clerk