

MOTION NO. M2017-134

Grant Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Operations and Administrative Committee	11/02/2017	Final Action	Brian McCartan, Executive Director Finance and IT Monica Overby, Grants Manager Brad Blackburn, Emergency Management Specialist

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a grant agreement with the Department of Homeland Security for an amount not exceed \$662,138 for a secure radio communication network.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- This action will authorize the chief executive officer (CEO) or his designee to execute a grant agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to reimburse the agency a total amount not to exceed \$662,138 for the procurement and installation of a secure radio network to be completed by the end of August 2020.
- The grant agreement provides 100 percent federal grant funding (no local match is required) to procure and install a redundant secure radio communication network that will be utilized by Sound Transit’s Security and Emergency Management personnel, Sound Transit Police, Operations staff, and first responders within Sound Transit’s service area.
- This grant will fund a redundant radio system to the King County radio system that Sound Transit will own, operate, and control in the event that King County operating frequencies become unavailable in disaster or emergency events.
- If this action is approved, staff will return to the Board to request approval of a contract to install the secure radio network.

BACKGROUND

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This project is 100 percent reimbursable under the grant. The agency will receive the grant funds as eligible costs are incurred and submitted for reimbursement.

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FISCAL INFORMATION

The proposed action will enable Sound Transit to receive a Department of Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$662,138. The grant will reimburse 100% of eligible expenditures, up to the maximum grant amount of \$662,138. Any additional costs will be borne by Sound Transit.

The Board will be asked to authorize a budget revision to create a 2018 annual project budget for the work associated with the grant, when they adopt the Proposed 2018 Budget and Proposed 2018 TIP.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION, AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

The Department of Homeland Security requires grant agreements to be executed within 90 days of award. The award was announced on September 12, 2017, and needs to be signed by December 12, 2017. A one-month delay would risk losing the grant funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 10/25/17

LEGAL REVIEW

AJP 10/27/17

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MOTION:

It is hereby moved by the Operations and Administration Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Department of Homeland Security for an amount not exceed \$662,138 for a secure radio communication network.

APPROVED by the Operations and Administration Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 2, 2017.



Paul Roberts
Operations and Administration Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator