



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: January 13, 2026

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

**ADOPTION OF GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 STATE
HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
PERFORMANCE GRANT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides funding to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services through the Homeland Security Grant Program, which includes the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), and the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services (OES) administers and distributes SHSP funds to the entire San Diego region to support prevention, preparedness, and response efforts related to terrorism and other catastrophic events. The EMPG supports comprehensive emergency management and strengthens mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities for all hazards.

This is a request to adopt a governing body resolution for the Fiscal Year 2025 SHSP and EMPG, which authorizes the Director of OES, or designee, to sign any actions necessary to apply for and obtain federal financial assistance through these programs. Adoption of the governing body resolution is a required step for the County to remain eligible for SHSP and EMPG funding. A waiver of Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery is requested because there is a 100% match requirement for EMPG. There is no match required for the SHSP.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT.
2. Authorize the Director of the Office of Emergency Services, or designee, to apply for and accept federal Fiscal Year 2025 SHSP and EMPG grant funds, sign all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

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3. Waive Board Policy B-29 (Fees, Grants and Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery), which requires full cost recovery for grants.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) recognizes that systemic inequities may result in uneven access to emergency preparedness and response resources. Through the implementation of State Homeland Security Program and Emergency Management Performance Grant, OES continues to take a whole community approach to emergency management, prioritizing equitable resource allocation and strengthening partnerships in underserved areas. These actions will improve preparedness and resiliency for all residents of San Diego County.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal to protect the health and wellbeing of residents. Adoption of the governing body resolution supports efforts to plan for, mitigate, and respond to disasters in ways that protect lives, property, and the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with adoption of the resolution allowing the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) to remain eligible and authorized to apply for and accept Fiscal Year 2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security passed through the State of California. There is no match required for the SHSP. However, EMPG requires a 100% match for each subrecipient. If the County were to receive a grant award from EMPG, the County's portion of the match will be funded by existing General Purpose Revenue budgeted in the current year Operational Plan for OES. Staff will return to the Board to identify any future SHSP and EMPG grant awards and determine how the funds will be distributed. The funding source will be grant funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security provides funding to California Governor's Office of Emergency Services through the Homeland Security Grant Program, which includes the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), and the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The SHSP supports implementation of the State Homeland Security Strategy to address planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs related to terrorism and

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catastrophic events. The EMPG provides resources to assist local governments with all-hazard emergency management activities such as planning, training, staffing, and operations.

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) administers and distributes SHSP and EMPG grant funds to jurisdictions within San Diego County, as recommended by the Unified Disaster Council (UDC), which includes representatives from the County and all 18 incorporated cities. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors serves as Chair of the UDC.

Adoption of the governing body resolution will maintain the County's eligibility to apply for Fiscal Year 2025 SHSP and EMPG grant funds. The resolution also authorizes OES leadership to apply for and execute documents required to secure and manage SHSP and EMPG funding. A waiver of Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full cost-recovery, is requested because there is a 100% match requirement for EMPG which will be met through existing General Purpose Revenue budgeted in OES. There is no match required for the SHSP.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed actions support the County of San Diego's 2026–2031 Strategic Plan goals for Sustainability and Community Resilience by providing equipment, training, and planning support that enhance regional preparedness and response capabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Strong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Strong for

EBONY N. SHELTON
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT