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AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Commissioners Court – July 21, 2020

AI Number: 76346

Project Number: 2020-297

Information: Crisis Track is a disaster management system that allows users to view disaster data within county’s jurisdictions and boundaries.

Description of AI: Requesting authority to subscribe

Funding Source: CARES Act Relief Fund (TBD)

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BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2020, pursuant to the authority under Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Hidalgo County Judge Richard Cortez issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency due to the imminent threat arising from the Coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 22, 2020, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster.

In order to meet the needs of our community, Hidalgo County Emergency Management Department has determined to subscribe to Crisis Track dba Geoplant LLC., a disaster tracking system. With these resources, Hidalgo County Emergency Management Department will be able to better assist our community in any current and subsequent COVID-19 type of viral outbreak. At this time, it is necessary to expand our current technology to effectively and efficiently respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

COMPLIANCE

Discretionary exemptions are authorized by the Texas Local Government Code 262.024 (a) states “a contract for the purchase of any of the following items is exempt from the requirement established by the section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption.” This request is being made under LGC 262.024 (a) (2), an item necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county, and LGC 262.024 (a) (4) a personal or professional service. The procurement of services complies with 2 CFR 200 requirements.

ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the item is consistent with Hidalgo County's intended purpose to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The goal is to provide efficient and effective delivery of services in light of change in technology, the public's expectations, and the area's population and economy.

AGENDA ITEM CAPTION

- A. Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by line item, allotment or allocation, for the [***Hidalgo County Emergency Management – Disaster Management System Software***], in order to assist with County actions to facilitate compliance with public health measures addressing the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency; the Court having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing, herein finds that such expenditure is reasonable and necessary;
- B. Requesting authority to enter into a yearly online subscription with Crisis Track dba Geopliant, LLC., for a Disaster Management System Software and for subsequent years to be governed and yearly invoices paid by this agreement unless revoked by either party in writing as per the agreement and authority for county judge to sign any documentation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of the items will allow the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Department to proceed with their daily tasks securing the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. Expenditures will be charged to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Relief Grant Fund and/or other grant assistance available to address the COVID-19 public health emergency.