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AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Commissioners Court – August 18, 2020

AI Number: 76933 **Project Number:** 2020-461

Information: [Requesting approval to purchase One (1) Ford Transit 250, for Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office [*in order to assist in transport of handicapped and/or ill detainees*]

Description of AI: (A) Discussion, consideration, and action to approve a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover cost of purchase); (B) Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262.024(a)(1)&(2); (C) Requesting approval to purchase

Funding Source: CARES Act Relief Fund (TBD) **Acct. #** 0-1287-441-42-115-096-0-XXX
Requested by: Steve Herrera (Division Chief) **Department:** Sheriff's Office
Prepared by: Jaime Rivas, Contract Specialist I **Department:** Purchasing Department

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 coordinating the response to this ongoing public health emergency, Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, is in need of one (1) 2020 Ford Transit 250. This will assist with effectively and immediately providing a response to the transporting of handicapped and/or ill detainees.

COMPLIANCE

Under the Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-8: National Preparedness, "it is aimed at strengthening the security and resilience of the United States through systematic preparation for the threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of the nation, including acts of terrorism, cyber-attacks, pandemics, and catastrophic natural disasters," and in compliance with the Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capability 9 (Medical Materiel Management and Distribution), and pursuant to the 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, we request the courts approval for the purchase One (1) New 2020 Ford Transit 250 to transport handicapped and/or ill detainees in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

ADMINISTRATION

As a critical countermeasure and to strengthen our preparedness and response capacity for Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office approval of the item is consistent with Hidalgo County's intended purpose to mitigate the spread of COVID–19. This equipment would allow the transportation of detainees that would include transporting inmates that are in need of medical attention.

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 Sheriff's Office Brioe One (1) Ford Transit 250]***, in order to assist with County Public Health expenses 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 for the intended use.
B. Exemption from competitive bidding requirements, pursuant to Texas LGC 262,024(a)(1): an item that must be purchased in case of a public calamity if it is necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens; (2) an item necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of the citizens.
C. Requesting approval to purchase One (1) 2020 Ford Transit 250, from Silsbee Ford through county's membership participation with "Goodbuy" contract No.20-8F000 expiring on 12/31/2020, in the amount of $55,985.37.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of the item will allow the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office to efficiently provide support with transporting handicapped and/or ill detainees during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Recommending that Commissioners Court authorize the purchase for said Ford Transit 250, as it is a reasonable and necessary expenditure related to the County's COVID-19 Public Health Response. 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.

Attachments:

- Agenda Item Briefing
- TXLGC 262.024(a) 1,2