
AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Commissioners Court – August 25, 2020

AI Number: 77003

Project Number: 2020-464

Information: [Requesting approval to purchase One (1) Mobile Command Unit, for Hidalgo County Emergency Management to maintain complete communication and information management]

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. #** 0-1287-441-42-115-096-0-752

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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.

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 Mobile Command Unit to maintain complete communication and information management capabilities.

ADMINISTRATION

When operating testing sites, responding to food distribution locations and otherwise coordinating the Hidalgo County COVID-19 response it is critical that Office of Emergency Management maintains complete communication and information management capabilities.

AGENDA ITEM CAPTION

A. Discussion, consideration, and approval of a necessary CARES Act Relief Fund expenditure to cover costs not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by a line item, allotment or allocation, for the purchase of Mobile Command Unit, while operating testing sites, responding to food distribution locations and otherwise coordinating the Hidalgo County COVID-19 response it is critical that Office of Emergency Management maintains complete communication and information management capabilities; the Court having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing, herein finds that such expenditure is reasonable and necessary for the intended use;

B. Requesting exemption from competitive procurement requirements pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 262.024(a) (1)&(2).

C. Requesting approval to purchase One (1) Mobile Command Center through distributor LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles in the total amount of \$410,715.00 through HC membership/participation in the HGAC Cooperative Program under awarded Contract No. AM10-18.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval of the item will allow the Hidalgo County Emergency Management to efficiently operate testing sites, while responding to food distribution locations and otherwise coordinating the Hidalgo County COVID-19 response. It is critical and crucial that our Office of Emergency Management maintains complete communication and information management capabilities. Recommending that Commissioners Court authorize the purchase for said Mobile Command Unit, 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