

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Communications and Technology Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County Emergency Services District #4 to purchase portable radio equipment as part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Assistance to Firefighter grant program, in an amount not to exceed \$29,230.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Communications and Technology Management, Wireless Division.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached

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Emergency Services District #4 (ESD 4) submitted an application under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Fiscal Year 2008 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for funds to acquire interoperable radio equipment for ESD #4, various Travis County Emergency Services Districts, and the Austin Fire Department.

These emergency service providers will be able to communicate and cooperate with each other across Travis County if interoperable radio equipment is used.

The Department of Homeland Security approved the ESD #4's Assistance to Firefighter Grant application on September 5, 2008 in the amount of \$823,990 ("Grant"), with grant funds allocated to these entities for the purchase of interoperable radio equipment. ESD #4, the Grant recipient and fiscal agent, has written approval from the Department of Homeland Security to disburse Grant funds for the purchase and transfer of radio equipment to the City, provided the City reimburses the ESD #4 for the City's Grant match not to exceed \$29,230. ESD #4 will purchase portable radio equipment for the City in the amount of \$146,150 with \$116,920 AFG grant funds. \$29,230, which is required to fund the City's portion of the purchase of radio dispatch equipment and to reimburse ESD #4 under the Assistance to Firefighter Grant.