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Date: August 7, 2015

To: Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

From: Chief Deputy Kris Johnson

Re: Homeland Security Grant Award/Port Security Grant

SUMMARY:

On August 7th, 2014 the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners approved a request submitted by the Sheriff's Office to seek County match funds in an application made to the Department of Homeland Security for an armored vehicle which would be used by the Emergency Response Team (ERT). At that time, the Board approved to dedicate \$81,000.00 in the 2016 Capitol plan as Goodhue County's 25% match to the \$341,667.00 total price tag for the vehicle. The vehicle sought after via the grant would replace a 1980's era "Peacekeeper" light armored vehicle in use by the Sheriff's Office since 2002. The replacement vehicle selected by the ERT to replace the aging Peacekeeper would be outfitted with the capability to respond to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear and Explosive environments which are key objectives in successful grant justifications under the Port Security Grant program. The Sheriff's Office is pleased to report we have been selected to receive the full amount sought in the initial grant application in the amount of \$256,250.00, and is further encouraged by the City of Red Wing committing to offset our 25% match in the amount of \$11,159.00. With the City of Red Wing's contribution to the project, we have reduced the amount originally sought from \$81,000.00 to \$74,258.00. The following is a summary of the financial scope of the project submitted to DHS:

FY 2015 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM GOODHUE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MN CBRNE RESPONSE EQUIPMENT & VEHICLE IJ#2 BUDGET DETAIL & BUDGET NARRATIVE

The amounts listed below came from a quote from Lenco, located in Pittsfield, MA

<u>Equipment Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Lenco BearCat (4WD, Rotating Hatch, Counter Balanced)	\$198,793.00
BearCat G3 4-Wheel Off-Road Upgrade Pkg w/Run-Flats	\$34,958.00
Diesel Engine, 6.7L Turbo	\$8,130.00
Back up Camera System with Monitor	\$2,297.00
Explosive Gas Detection System	\$5,025.00
Intercom System: Inside to Outside	\$2,871.00
On Board SCBA System/Includes Bottled Air & Inside Attach Pts	\$25,699.00
Radiation Detection Package	\$5,025.00
Rear Auxiliary AC/Heating System	\$1,914.00
Thermal Image & Color Camera w/Flat Screen Monitor	\$28,714.00
Whelen Liberty LED Light Bar (installed)	\$2,924.00

Ford F550 Service Manuals	\$625.00
4-Door Configuration (Rear Flip Seats Included)	\$7,858.00
Front Mounted Receiver with Ram Post and Plate	\$4,499.00
Hydraulic Ram Upgrade	\$5,480.00
Rear Tow Hitch Receiver	\$1,005.00
Ship from Pittsfield, MA to Red Wing, MN	<u>\$5,850.00</u>
Total Equipment	\$341,667.00

<u>Budget Summary</u>	<u>Federal Request</u>	<u>Goodhue County Match</u>	<u>City of Red Wing Match</u>
Equipment	\$256,250.00	\$74,258.00	\$11,159.00

RECOMMENDATION:

The Goodhue County Sheriff's Office has been extremely successful in securing Federal grants to offset local spending projects. Goodhue County has been recognized by the federal grant administrators as having unique infrastructure within its jurisdiction which justify the allotment of grant dollars to our county. In 2014 the Goodhue County Board committed participating in this grant opportunity...backing out of this opportunity in the 11th hour could have a chilling effect on future grant success. Understandably, Goodhue County would be perceived by future grant administrators as a flippant partner to future grant proposals and it would be doubtful any future success would be likely, at least in the near term. If we fail to capitalize on this generous grant award we are faced with the sobering reality that our existing substandard equipment continues to age, continues to drain vehicle maintenance resources, and continues to underserve our tactical team members who willingly volunteer to place themselves in extraordinarily dangerous situations to the benefit of not only the citizens of Goodhue County, but regionally as well. It is recommended that Goodhue County move forward in the budget planning process and dedicate \$74,258.00 into the 2016 Capitol plan in order to guarantee the return of \$256,667.00 Federal grant dollars to complete this previously approved project.

Attachments

- Justification Letter
- 2014 Board Actions



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Port Security Grant justification to replace Goodhue County's Peacekeeper with a Lenco Rescue Bearcat

The Goodhue and Wabasha County Emergency Response Team was created and has been in service since 1993. Since 2002 the team has used an Armored Rescue Vehicle obtained from the military's old government surplus program. This vehicle is an old Air Force armored truck called a Peacekeeper. It has been deployed on average of 12-31 times a year since 2002 and is also used by the Red Wing Police Department.

The 1983 Peacekeeper is aging and the armor, engine, transmission and drivetrain is starting to wear out and replacement parts are hard to find for it or are not made anymore. The Peacekeeper is getting more expensive to maintain and we have been trying to find grants to replace it with a similar vehicle that is newer and better equipped to respond to incidents at the Xcel nuclear plant as well as in and around Goodhue and Wabasha Counties. When we used the Peacekeeper during the Shawn Schneider shooting in Lake City, it was only able to respond at a speed of approximately 45 mph and even at that speed it lost all the tread off a rear tire and we had to be really careful with it the rest of the night and it had to be taken back to Red Wing on a flatbed trailer after we were done. The team members were subject to cold climates and cramped quarters for hours during the stand-off. The Peacekeeper also lacks adequate climate control.

In March 2012 during a domestic situation in Frontenac with an intoxicated man with a handgun, Deputies had to negotiate from a distance and hide in the woods while they waited over 40 minutes for the Peacekeeper to arrive from Red Wing. Once it arrived the Peacekeeper was used to rescue six family members from the residence while the suspect fired his handgun off in the general direction of Peacekeeper. Having a capable rescue vehicle was immensely important that day and is a testament to the level of protection and safety these vehicles provide to our local first responders.

The Lenco Rescue Bearcat is built off of a Ford F550 chassis, has a diesel engine and can operate easily at freeway speeds, which dramatically improves response time. The outstanding turning radius allows it to get in and out of tight spaces. The Rescue Bearcat is larger to hold more people, has much better armor and has a great reputation around the country as being very reliable and low maintenance. The visibility looking out of the vehicle is exceptional. Every team member in the vehicle can see the scene and the events that unfold. The model we specified in the Port Security Grant was equipped with radiation and explosive gas detecting sensors and a clean air filtration system to protect the occupants. These tools were required to meet the Port Security Grant stipulations in order to be a CRBNE Response Vehicle.

The Bearcat has rear AC/Heat to keep the responders comfortable for a long duration. The responders inside a Bearcat can exit out the right, left, and, or rear of the vehicle. The Bearcat will be equipped with a Hydraulic Ram. This tool has the potential to open doors without exposing the responders to threats.

In short, this is a great opportunity through the Port Security Grant to obtain a good replacement for the Peacekeeper and save the County a lot of money in the process as the full replacement cost without the grant is 332,246.00. Lenco has committed to donating an additional \$9,000.00 in equipment upgrades as a thank you if we proceed with the purchase increasing the value of the Rescue Vehicle to \$341,246.

Dangerous active shooter types of calls are becoming all too common in our country and I would like our first responders to continue to be ahead of the curve to handle these types of incidents than behind.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Rob Troolin

Goodhue County Sheriff's Office / Emergency Response Team Commander



Goodhue County Grant Form

Grant Information

Grant Award: \$325,000

Name of Grant: FY2015 Port Security Grant

Sponsoring Agency: US Department of Homeland Security

Grant Period: 3/2015 – 7/2015 (actual dates yet to be determined)

Department Information

Department: Goodhue County Sheriff

Primary Contact Person: Chief Deputy Lyle Lorenson

Phone number: 651-267-2622

Purpose: To allow the sheriff's office to apply for a grant which will allow us to purchase a BearCat armored vehicle to be used as a tactical team critical incident personnel transport and rescue vehicle. This vehicle may be used in hostile environments including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive environments (CBRNE).

Our PeaceKeeper armored vehicle we received used through the DRMO program in 2002 is now close to 20 years old and is becoming unreliable. The Emergency Response Team uses an armored vehicle on every mission and at events that may take place at the PINGP. The BearCat allows for safer operation, a quicker response to critical incidents, the ability to transport more personnel or evacuated people, and comes equipped with CBRNE detection, intercom system, SCBA system, thermal imaging and color camera systems, plus additional equipment.

Restrictions: The application process for this grant requires that we identify our funding source to meet the 25% match requirement. These monies would not be needed until 2016. To apply for this grant in 2015 we are requesting that the County Board approve budgeting \$81,000 in the 2016 Capital Plan so we can show our funding source for the match requirement. Should we not be awarded the grant the match monies budgeted will be removed from the 2016 CIP prior to the CIP being finalized.

Reimbursement Payment up front Match (\$81,000)

Website Address:

CFDA #: (Not Released yet)

Date sent to Administration: 07/30/2014

Board Approval Date (for office use only): _____