

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER**

**Topic: Congressionally Directed Spending from U.S. Senator Michael Bennet for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Relocation**

**Presented by: David Kribs, Budget & Finance Director, JCSO**

**Date: 7/30/2024**

For Information

For Discussion/Board Direction

Consent to Place on Business/Hearing Agenda

**Issue:** The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) requires supplemental appropriation for a grant from the Congressionally Directed Spending from U.S. Senator Michael Bennet passed through from Homeland Security.

**Background:** In April 2022, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office briefed the Board of County Commissioners for approval to submit a grant application for congressionally directed spending.

The JCSO has now received this award and is seeking the Board of County Commissioners' support for a supplemental appropriation.

**Discussion:** The awarded funds will be used to relocate Jefferson County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The current EOC is not meeting the needs of the County due to our high hazard and complex jurisdictional needs. The current space is not equipped to support an EOC function and lacks crucial infrastructure and technology necessary to support the complexities and requirements associated to a mission critical facility. The EOC is currently located on the first floor of the Dakota Building; this funding would leverage current vacant space, which formerly housed the Jefferson County Communication Center located on the second floor of the Dakota Building. The space contains the necessary square footage, wiring, protective infrastructure, and access control that the current EOC location cannot provide. This funding would provide the following updates: Audio Visual (A/V) System update, additional meeting rooms, break rooms, secure restrooms, and other EOC related spaces, critical equipment wired to backup power, associated A/V wiring up to code, HVAC system update to handle cooling and heating loads, furniture to allow for social distancing.

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes  no

There is a match requirement of \$160,000 and the Sheriff's Office will utilize existing budget appropriation of either cash match of a county generator to be installed in the Dakota building or a combination of cash/in-kind match.

This is a Federal grant for the General Fund for the requested amount of \$640,000. The estimated grant period is June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2026.

- Year of impact: 2024
- TABOR impact: No
- Existing grant or project: No
- New grant or project: Yes
- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: One-time
- General Fund impact: No
- Staffing impact: No
- ARPA impact: No
- Match requirements: No
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: No

**Revenue Limits Impact:**  yes  no

There is no impact to the County's TABOR Fiscal Year Spending Limit, the revenue source is a federal grant.

**SPA Review:** Support, no concern.

The request is for a 2024 federal grant for the General Fund. There is no TABOR Fiscal Year Spending Limit impact.

**County Attorney Review:** Kurtis Behn approved, 7/9/24

**Facilities Review:** Does not apply, no fiscal impact

**BIT Review:** Does not apply, no fiscal impact

**Fleet Review:** Does not apply, no fiscal impact

**Human Resources Review (new FTE only):** Does not apply, no fiscal impact

**Recommendations:** The BCC authorizes that grant funding in the amount of \$640,000 be included as a supplemental appropriation to the Sheriff's Office Budget, and carry forward, if necessary. Actual grant funds received will be \$480,000 and the match required is \$160,000 totaling the request of \$640,000.

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