

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

For the
Agenda of:
September 13, 2007
9:30 a.m.

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Emergency Operations
Subject: Report Back on Emergency Operations Center Operating Costs
Contact: Teresa Stahl, Assistant Emergency Operations Coordinator, 874-4671

Background

The County and City of Sacramento's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was recently relocated to the Sacramento Regional Homeland Security and Emergency Management Training Center at McClellan. The Board approved the use of Homeland Security Grant funding to lease the training facility and make improvements that included an Incident Command Training Room that would be used as the EOC. The EOC portion of the facility was recently completed and became operational.

Homeland Security Grants can be used for eligible one-time equipment purchases and to pay the lease cost for the facility because of the connection with terrorism preparedness, monitoring and response. Homeland Security Grants can not be used to maintain equipment or pay for ongoing operating costs in a facility.

Discussion

The funding request is to address ongoing operating expenses for the EOC such as annual licenses for computers, ESRI license renewals for the GIS, network, computer and printer services, AV system maintenance and service, monthly phone bills, copier lease payments, computer system supplies, and general supplies used in EOC. Now that the EOC is operational, it is critical to sustain and maintain its functionality to ensure effective coordination and communication during emergency response.

Throughout the process of building and outfitting the EOC we have relied heavily on our stakeholders and received assistance with funding many of the large one-time expenses for the EOC. We expect continued cooperation from outside agencies, but currently, all outside sources of funding have been exhausted and grants have been fully leveraged. Internally, despite discussions about possible sources of funding, no reliable ongoing source of funding has been identified.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Martinez, Emergency Operation Coordinator