



To: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

From: Sgt. Nathan Garibay

Date: February 2, 2015

Subject: Proposed Grant Application for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office

Commissioner/County Administrator Approval: _____

Date: _____

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board of Commissioners' approval to submit a grant application on behalf of the County. A summary of the grant opportunity follows.

Program: FY2015 Oregon State Homeland Security Program Grant – Deschutes County Public Schools and Public Safety Radio Interoperability Project

Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) administers the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant in which applications are due February 13th at 5 PM. Deschutes County, in conjunction with other first responder agencies, is seeking funding from this program for a potential interoperable communication project regarding the acquisition of portable radios capable of communicating with first responders for all public schools in Deschutes County. Since there can only be one application per county, Deschutes County will apply for this project. Due to the short time frame of application, we are still gathering necessary information and agreements to complete the application.

The proposed project includes the purchase of 200 portable radios for all three school districts in Deschutes County. These radios will be programed to work on the existing Sheriff's Office radio system, but since they meet APCO P25 standards, will be capable of migrating to the future system. This project is consistent with findings contained within the recent Deschutes County Radio Project report produced by Sparling and will provide much needed improvement to communications between public safety and public schools. This communication is critical during a crisis situation. Furthermore, as we strive to improve our operational coordination during disaster, this provides established radio communication links between schools that will likely be used as shelters or other support facilities.

Funding Agency: Department of Homeland Security through the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. On December 17, 2014, OEM issued a state-wide notice that the application period is open until February 13, 2015.

Due Date: Application: February 13, 2015

Amount: TBD – Estimated to exceed \$400,000

Matching Funds: None

Duration: October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016

Background: If the County is awarded the funds, OEM will issue a formal grant document which will be presented to the Board/County Administrator for signature.

Reporting: Sgt. Garibay, the Deschutes County Emergency Manager will report for this project if successful.

Please contact Sgt. Garibay at 541-617-3303 if you have questions concerning this request.