



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: November 17, 2009
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means Committee
Subject: **Acceptance of grant funds from the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board**

Recommendation:

- a) Authorize proper City officers to accept Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) grant funding in the amount of \$106,219.82 for additional 800 MHz radios. This grant will require a 20% local match of City funding to be paid for from the existing operating budget for Radio Services (Fund 06200 Department 6800200). No additional appropriation is required.
- b) Authorize proper City officers to draft and execute respective agreements associated with this grant.

Previous Directives:

None

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Rodney Olson, Supervisor of Electronics, Public Works, Property Services

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval N/A	Date _____
Civil Rights Approval	Approval N/A	Date _____
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval N/A	Date _____

Financial Impact

Other financial impact: The grant funds of \$106,219.82 represent a reimbursement of 80%, the original 100% will come out of the Property Services Radio Shop 2009 budget. PW match is \$26,553.96 after reimbursement. Funds will most likely not be reimbursed until 2010.

Action is within Property Services Radio Shop 2009 operating budget.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification:
City Goals: A safe place to call home
Comprehensive Plan:
Zoning Code:

Background/Supporting Information

When the City of Minneapolis joined the ARMER radio system in 2002, Public Works used very few portable radios. When planning for radio needs at that time, portable hand held radios were not chosen due to the high cost and the past practice of using mobile radios mounted in vehicles for communications. Since that time, the need for portable interoperability both on a daily basis and during times of disaster response has been shown.

Accepting this grant allows us to put fifty (50) or more portable radios into use for Public Works at a fifth of the cost it would otherwise be. We may be able to take advantage of a current fourth quarter sale and purchase more radios at this same cost if ordered and received in 2009.