



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution to accept an Illinois Terrorism Task Force / US Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) grant, authorize the emergency appropriation of up to \$132,000 for planning and training for voice interoperability, and recognize the "Lake County Interoperable Communications Task Force" as the cross-discipline, cross-jurisdiction technical governance body responsible for overseeing the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) for Lake County.

- The United States Department of Homeland Security (US DHS) has made funding available to local jurisdictions through its "Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program" (IECGP).
- In 2008, Lake County (through the Sheriff's Office) was awarded funding to improve the interoperability of two-way radio communications through the "Public Safety Interoperable Communications" (PSIC) grant program. A portion of the PSIC funds were originally planned to enhance planning and training for voice interoperability within Lake County.
- Lake County was recently notified for the award of up to \$132,000 to develop and implement a comprehensive "Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan" (TICP) for Lake County and all partner jurisdictions.
- The IECGP funding is designated only for the development of training and the exercising of the TICP and related policies and procedures. The Sheriff's Office will reprogram some PSIC funds from planning activities to equipment purchase.
- The IECGP grant will reimburse allowable costs incurred in the development of training and the exercising of the TICP for Lake County and partner jurisdictions.
- As required by the grant, the Lake County Sheriff's Office and Lake County EMA have assembled stakeholders to form the "Lake County Interoperable Communications Task Force" in conjunction with the current PSIC grant program, and this group includes representation from various jurisdictions and disciplines throughout the County.
- The IECGP grant funded TICP development process must be completed by the end of June, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Lake County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) was awarded a reimbursement grant through the Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program (IECGP) in the amount of up to \$132,000.00 for the development and implementation of a Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) for Lake County and all partner jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, budget amendments are necessary to properly account for the revenue and expenditures related to this grant and the development of the TICP; and

WHEREAS, the proposed appropriation will be fully offset by the reimbursement from the IECGP TICP Development grant; and

WHEREAS, an existing stakeholder group (the "Lake County Interoperable Communications Task Force") has both the technical expertise and broad representation necessary for the successful development and implementation of a TICP for Lake County and all partner jurisdictions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that

the award of an IECGP grant in an amount up to \$132,000 is hereby accepted, emergency appropriations in the amount of up to \$132,000.00 are hereby authorized in account 101-1101040-79940-000-000-000-11400, additional offsetting revenue in the same amount of up to \$132,000.00 in account 101-1101040-45333-000-000-000-11400 is hereby budgeted, the "Lake County Interoperable Communications Task Force" is hereby designated as the technical governance body for the development and maintenance of the TICP for Lake County and all partner jurisdictions, and the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement documents.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, this 14th day of April, 2009.