

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board Members

From: Cheryl Assis, Director of Public Safety

CC: Matthew Hart, CRCOG Executive Director

Meeting Date: September 27, 2023

Subject: Resolution Authorizing CRCOG Executive Director to Submit a Spending Plan and Enter into Memorandum of Agreements in Regard to the FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program Funding for DEMHS Region 3

Background: CRCOG has been the fiduciary agent for DEMHS Region 3 since the FY 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program funds were released. Our Public Safety Director is a member of the Statewide Homeland Security Advisory Council and the Statewide Homeland Security Working Group. These bodies set the funding amounts for each region. The Capitol Region Planning Council (CREPC) is responsible for determining a spending plan for each funding year. Each member community then signs a MOA by and between the community, the CT Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, CRCOG, and the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: This funding will serve to support our regional public safety teams, sustain and maintain regional homeland security equipment within our communities, allow for training and exercise reimbursements, provide contractual services for planning and project support, and provide set aside funding to the Hartford Bomb Squad, Capitol Region HAZMAT Team and for the protection of soft targets. Each of these projects are assets to all Region 3 member communities and enhance emergency preparedness within the region.

Financial/Operational Impact: This award is for \$415,289 and includes an additional \$60,000 to CRCOG to provide management support and oversight. CRCOG is not expected to provide any matching funds.

Project Schedule: The grant funds will be made available within the next year with a performance period of two years.

Recommendation: I would respectfully request and recommend that the Policy Board act favorably upon this resolution.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CRCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO
SUBMIT A SPENDING PLAN AND ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS IN
REGARD TO THE FY 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM
FUNDING FOR DEMHS REGION 3**

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) will distribute Memorandum of Agreement Packages for FFY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funds to each community within DEMHS Region III shortly; and

WHEREAS, DEMHS Region III includes the forty-one communities that comprise the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC); and

WHEREAS, each agreement has four signatories: the Chief Executive Officer of the community, the Chair of the Region III Emergency Planning Team, the CRCOG Executive Director, and the DEMHS Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, for FFY 2023 DEMHS shall pass through \$415,289 in SHSGP funding, which includes a \$75,000 set aside for the Hartford Bomb Squad, a \$29,085 set-aside for the protection of soft targets, and a \$10,000 set aside for the Capitol Region HazMat Team; and

WHEREAS, additional funds to CRCOG shall include \$75,000 in Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) funding to be used for the Capitol Region HazMat Team and \$40,000 in Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) funding for administration and management; and

WHEREAS, a program application was approved by the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council at its July quarterly meeting. The funding shall be spent in the following DEMHS approved areas: personnel and/or contractual planning services, sustainment/maintenance of regional equipment, and training and exercise programs for regional response teams; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CRCOG Policy Board authorizes the CRCOG Executive Director to enter into the FY 2023 MOA's, submit the program application to DEMHS, and administer the allocated funds and any associated contracts.

BY: _____
Jason Bowsza, Secretary

DATE: _____