

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board Members

From: Cheryl Assis, Director of Public Safety

CC: Matt Hart, CRCOG Executive Director

Meeting Date: June 26, 2024

Subject: Resolution Authorizing CRCOG Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Accept Funds for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

Background: PHEP funds are passed through from the US Department of Health and Human Services to the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and CRCOG has been the fiduciary agent for DPH Region 3 over numerous grant cycles. CRCOG will subcontract with the fourteen local public health departments and districts within our region and act as the lead coordinating agent for them.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: This funding will serve to support our local public health departments and districts and our Emergency Support Function 8 – Health and Medical Services to prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies and mass casualty incidents. This project is an asset to all Region 3 member communities and enhances emergency preparedness within the region.

Financial/Operational Impact: This award is for \$862,729 per year and includes \$161,272 per year to CRCOG to provide management support and oversight and hire contractual assistance. The total grant over five years is \$4,313,645. CRCOG is not expected to provide any matching funds.

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

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

Attachments

- Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CRCOG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ACCEPT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

WHEREAS, CRCOG has previously received grant funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services for Public Health Emergency Preparedness through the Connecticut Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, these PHEP funds have been used to establish and enhance the Region 3 Emergency Support Function 8 – Public Health and Medical Services to better prepare the Capitol Region to prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies and Mass Casualty Incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Public Health has identified the Capitol Region Council of Governments as the fiduciary to receive these grant funds on behalf of the local public health departments in our region and act as the lead coordinating agent for those departments; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Connecticut Department of Public Health will award a contract with a period of 7/1/24 through 6/30/29; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG will act as the fiduciary agent and subcontract with the fourteen local public health agencies in Region 3 in order to complete all preparedness planning activities and deliverables; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be in the amount of \$862,729 per year for a total of \$4,313,645.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Policy Board of the Capitol Region Council of Governments authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Public Health to accept these funds and any addendums thereto and Administrative Service Agreements with the local public health agencies and any addendums thereto to accomplish this planning for the entire period of the contract award.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board at its meeting held on June 26, 2024.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Jason Bowsza, Secretary