

COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14-274

Date: August 25, 2014

Item/Subject: **RESOLVE**, Accepting and Appropriating \$173,906.91 in FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Funds from the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

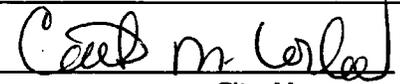
Responsible Department: Fire

Commentary: This Resolve will accept and appropriate \$173,906.91 in FY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Funds from the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to improve Police and Fire Department preparedness and response capabilities for Homeland Security related events. If approved, the funds will be used for a variety of purposes including training for police and fire employees, education, purchase of specialty equipment and maintenance on current equipment. A plan outlining the various anticipated projects and expenditures is attached to this Resolve. The list may not represent the exact final expenditures, as priorities and needs may change over the grant period.

This Resolve was reviewed at the August 18, 2014 Government Operations Committee Meeting and was recommend for approval.

Department Head

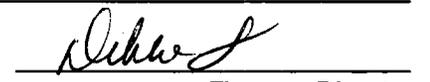
Manager's Comments:



City Manager

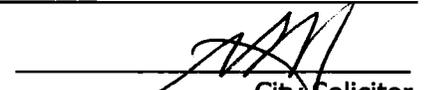
Associated Information: Resolve, Grant Award Letter, Proposed Project List

Budget Approval:



Finance Director

Legal Approval:



City Solicitor

Introduced for

- Passage
- First Reading
- Referral

Assigned to Councilor Graham



CITY OF BANGOR

(TITLE.) Resolve, Accepting and Appropriating \$173,906.91 in FY2013 Homeland Security Grant Funds from the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

By the City Council of the City of Bangor:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Homeland Security Grant Program funding through the Maine Emergency Management Agency for FY 2013 in the amount of \$173,906.91 to improve Police and Fire Department preparedness and response capabilities for Homeland Security related events is hereby accepted and appropriated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Finance Director is authorized to establish such financial accounts as may be necessary to accept and disburse such funds in accordance with Homeland Security and MEMA requirements.



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September 18, 2013

Scott Lucas, Fire Chief
City of Bangor
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Dear Chief Lucas:

I am pleased to notify you of the City of Bangor's FY2013 Homeland Security Grant Program funding award through the Maine Emergency Management Agency. In keeping with MEMA's strategy of funding Maine's metropolitan areas, MEMA has continued to allocate 45% of available Homeland Security Grant funding to the state's six identified Metro cities. I am pleased to award **\$ 127,030.58 (SHSP)** and **\$ 46,876.33 (LETPP)** to the **City of Bangor** to improve preparedness and response capabilities for Homeland Security related events in the State of Maine.

In order to move forward with the FY2013 funding, MEMA requests that the City submit detailed budget narratives and worksheets for projects to be undertaken with these funds. Once the City's budget documentation has been submitted and reviewed by MEMA, you will receive an official Grant Award Notice, as well as Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Terms and Conditions documents that must be signed to formally accept the funding.

Once these documents have been signed and returned to MEMA, the City will be approved to move forward with identified grant projects. This procedure is slightly different from prior Homeland Security Grant rounds, however new federal auditing requirements necessitate the additional signatures required to accept the funds and move forward.

I congratulate you on this important funding award and look forward to continuing to work with you to improve Maine's preparedness and response capabilities. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Bruce Fitzgerald of my office if you have any questions regarding this grant award notice.

Thank you again for your application.

Sincerely,

Robert P. McAleer
Director

U. S. Department of Homeland Security
FY2012 State Homeland Security Grant Program
Grant Number: EMW-2012-SS-00081
CFDA Number: 97.067
Grant Period: 9-1-13 to 8-31-15

**City of Bangor FY 2013
MEMA and Homeland Security Grant Program**

Technical Rescue Training: Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) has been budgeted to provide initial training and continuing education for the fire departments technical rescue teams. Including, but not limited to high and low angle rope, confined space, collapse rescue, swift water and Marine I rescue training.

Forcible Entry Simulator and Trailer: Nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500.00) has been budgeted to purchase and provide training on a forcible entry simulator/trainer and trailer. The trainer will afford the users an efficient and effective means of training and the trailer will provide a convenient way for the trainer to stored and shared regionally.

Heavy Rescue Extrication Equipment: Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) has been budgeted to begin replacing extrication equipment on the Heavy Rescue. The priority for replacement will be equipment that has either exceeded or is nearing the manufactures recommendation for replacement.

Explosive Ordnance: Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) has been budgeted to accommodate recent promotions that required two active members leave the squad. The requested funding will be used for training purposes. We have received approval from the FBI to send one officer to the Hazardous Devices Training school at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. The excepted cost, based on previous expenses for the school, is \$7000. The remaining balance will be used to cover training and continuing education expenses (Logan Airport in Boston and Ft. Devens in Massachusetts) and for minor equipment upgrades and repairs. *(LETPP)*

Special Response Team (PD): Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) has been budgeted for the police department SRT. The majority of the funding will again be used to for training and to cover expenses associated with training related backfill. A majority of the current training needs center around three new members who must attend a variety of specialized schools both in and out of state. Current members require additional and continuing training for certification requirements. At least one current member will be attending a leadership training program with use of this funding. *(LETPP)*

Special Response Team (FD): Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) has been allocated to provide initial training to new team members, continuing education training to all team members and to upgrade or replace tactical equipment as necessary.

Active Shooter Training: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) has been budgeted for all members of the department are required to participate in a yearly active shooter training course...typically held at one of the City schools during April vacation. The costs cover continuing education for the instructors (so we are trained in up to date and time relevant tactics) and payroll related costs associated with attendance and shift backfill as necessary. *(SHSP)*

Electronic Finger Print/Automated Evidence Tracking System: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) has been budgeted to improve our fingerprinting system(s) from the current ink to electronic is due to the increased demands on higher grades fingerprints and the need to electronically share our prints with other law enforcement agencies. We currently have a fingerprint comparison unit (computerized system) that will work in combination with EFS. The need to improve our evidence tracking and retention system is the result of continued increase in complex criminal investigations requiring the demands of modernized evidence identification and collection requiring advanced tracking and retention programs. *(SHSP)*

Night Vision Capabilities: Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) has been budgeted. The Special Response Team is currently in need of night vision optics. This is a very expensive project requiring we do it in stages. This request is for two (2) units. *(LETTP)*

Blood Control Kits/Tourniquets: Three thousand dollars (\$3000). The police department has trained all personnel in blood control and the proper field use of tourniquets. This request is to purchase 75 CAT brand (combat) tourniquets. *(LETTP)*

Specialty Vehicle Retrofit: Five thousand dollars (\$5000). This funding will be used to assist in the costs associated with retrofitting and adapting a military surplus vehicle for use in special law enforcement circumstances. This vehicle has not been identified and will not be accepted without City Manager approval. This funding request must be made in advance in order to have the ability to make necessary improvements should an approved vehicle become available. *(LETTP)*

Mobile Command Truck Training, Equipment and Maintenance: Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) has been budgeted for new operator training, continuing education, equipment upgrades and maintenance as necessary.

*Subject to modification...the contingency plan for any additional or unused portions of the allocation will be to provide NIMS compliant training, with the approval of MEMA.