

Regional 3Cs

Border Interoperability Demonstration Project Grant Proposal

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Requested Actions

Refer to the full council a resolution to:

- Apply for, accept, and expend approximately \$3,700,000 in grant funds towards the Border Interoperability Demonstration Project (BIDP) as a sub-grantee of the State of California.
- City Comptroller to accept, appropriate, and expend BIDP grants funds pending receipt of fully executed grant agreements.
- Comptroller to establish separate grant fund accounting.
- Fire Chief to administer and operate this project on behalf of the City.



What is BIDP?

- Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communications Grant
- First year
- No matching requirement
- Goal of exploring innovative and effective models of interoperable emergency communications systems and approaches that improve emergency communications along and across the U.S. border

A background image of a city skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings under a clear sky.

Project Proposal

- Add Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to the Regional 3Cs data network for improved inter-agency collaboration.
- Expand 3Cs ability to create network connections to improvised field locations by expanding a current 3Cs pilot program countywide.
- Expand the 3Cs network into remote border regions.
- Install additional video downlink receiver sites along the border region.

A panoramic view of a city skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings, set against a clear sky. The city is situated along a waterfront.

Project Proposal cont.

- Build mobile repeater trailers for access into areas not currently within the 3Cs coverage area.
- Develop portable subscriber kits for agencies to access 3Cs from the field.
- Provide project management, technical support, and end-user support to ensure technologies implemented are best suited for the unique environment of the border areas.



What Is Regional 3Cs?

- A public safety grade **data network** to securely link public safety agencies
- Primary use of the network is to foster inter-agency **collaboration** and **improve situational awareness** during large scale emergency events
- 3Cs is designed to function when all other communication has failed

Impacts to the City

- In accepting the grant funds, the City is responsible for grant administration and oversight
- No requirement to match with local funds
- Demonstration project, no obligation to sustain functionality after the performance period.
 - If we choose to sustain, may be able to sustain with grant funds or add to the Regional 3Cs program, which has a regional funding stream.



Questions?

