

# CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: November 13, 2023  
 General Plan Element: City of Scottsdale, Safety Element  
 General Plan Goal: *City of Scottsdale, Prepare for disasters and emergencies*

## ACTION

Adopt Resolution No.12891 authorizing:

1. The City of Scottsdale to accept a grant in the amount of \$89,000 from the United States Department of Justice, through the Office of Justice Programs for the purchase of emergency portable backup communications equipment.
2. The Fire Chief or designee to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the Department of Justice grant.
3. A budget transfer of up to \$89,000 from the adopted Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Future Grants Budget and/or Grant Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.

## BACKGROUND

The United States Department of Justice through the Office of Justice Programs has awarded the City of Scottsdale a \$89,000 grant for the purchase of emergency portable backup communications equipment.

The grant will allow the purchase of six handheld satellite phones and a data service package for twelve months for the City of Scottsdale Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management. After the initial twelve months, the City of Scottsdale will absorb the ongoing data package through the Fire Department's Emergency Management budget. The Fire Department will request funding in the FY26 budget process. Handheld satellite phones are a redundant emergency communications tool which may be used when landline and/or cellular/radio communications infrastructure is saturated or fails.

The grant will also allow the purchase of one portable emergency backup Compact Rapid Deployable (CRD), also referred to as Cellular/Wi-Fi/Data communications Cellular On Wheels (COW) unit which allows the City of Scottsdale Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management to directly connect via satellite and/or internet fiber connection and replicate and boost communication signals around the device. This unit utilizes Band 14 dedicated technology allowing for prioritized emergency communications conduits separate from public infrastructure access.

Action Taken Approved on Consent

**ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT**

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The purchase of the emergency portable backup communications equipment pursuant to this grant will enhance public safety for the City of Scottsdale and surrounding communications by providing significant communications redundancies during emergency operations.

**RESOURCE IMPACTS**

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**Staffing, Workload Impact**

No additional staff required or impact to current workload.

**Available Funding**

This grant will fully fund the purchase of six handheld satellite phones and provide funding for a data service package for twelve months. There is no match requirement for this grant. There is sufficient contingency appropriation in the FY 2023/24 adopted budget for the budget transfer requested in this action.

**OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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**Recommended Approach**

Adopt Resolution No.12981 authorizing:

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**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)**

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Fire Department

**STAFF CONTACTS (S)**

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**APPROVED BY**

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10/27/23 14:14 MST

Date

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10/27/23 10:58 MST

Date

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10/27/23 13:35 MST

Date

**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Resolution No. 12981

RESOLUTION NO. 12981

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE,  
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE  
PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice has awarded the City of Scottsdale a grant in the amount of \$89,000 for the purchase of emergency backup portable communications equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Future Grants Budget in the Grant Fund allows the City the budget authority to accept grants throughout the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona as follows:

Section 1. Authorizes the City of Scottsdale to accept a grant in the amount of \$89,000 from the United States Department of Justice, through the Office of Justice Programs for the purchase of emergency portable backup communications equipment.

Section 2. Authorizes the Fire Chief or designee to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the Department of Justice grant.

Section 3. Authorizes a budget transfer of up to \$89,000 from the adopted Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Future Grants Budget and/or Grant Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an Arizona  
municipal corporation

ATTEST:

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Ben Lane, City Clerk

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David D. Ortega, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Sherry R. Scott City Attorney

By: Luis E. Santaella, Deputy City Attorney