Legislation Text

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AGENDA CAPTION:

Consider approval of Resolution 2019-30R, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for Homeland Security Grants for Primary Emergency Operations Center Technology Upgrades; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept, reject, alter or terminate the grants, if awarded, and to execute all contracts and documents as necessary to implement the grants; and declaring an effective date. **Meeting date:** February 19, 2019

Department: Emergency Management

Amount & Source of Funding Funds Required: No Funding Match Account Number: N/A Funds Available: N/A Account Name: N/A

<u>Fiscal Note:</u> Prior Council Action: N/A

City Council Strategic Initiative: N/A

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): Not Applicable

Master Plan: Emergency Management Plan

Background Information:

The City of San Marcos is prone to a multitude of disasters. Upgrades to the City of San Marcos Primary Emergency Operations Center equipment and technology will improve response capabilities to future disasters.

The Primary Emergency Operations Center is housed in the auditorium at the Police Department, which is not adequately equipped to operate in such a capacity. Upgraded equipment and technology is necessary for Emergency Operations Center staff to have more efficient workstations, enhanced interoperability with community partners, upgraded telecommunications hardware, and better visualization of disaster response

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information.

Upgrades to the Primary Emergency Operations Center benefit the City of San Marcos as Emergency Operations Center staff will be better enabled to communicate with mutual aid partners, efficiently track resources, gather damage assessment data, share information, and maintain overall awareness of the disaster situation.

The City intends to apply for grants to sustain existing systems and capabilities. This resolution authorizes the City Manager to apply for the Primary Emergency Operations Center Equipment Upgrades grant.

The City intends to utilize these upgrades in concert with the existing rules and regulations of the Office of the Governor, State Administrative Agency and other regulatory organizations as presented in the grant guidance and authorizing Grant Award Notice.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action: N/A

Alternatives:

<u>N/A</u>

Recommendation:

Adopt the resolution as submitted.