

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 04/29/14 **Approximate Start Time:** 2:30 pm **Approximate Length:** 30 min

Presentation Title: Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) Funding

Department: Emergency Management

Presenters: Nancy Bush

Other Invitees: None

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Clackamas County Emergency Management Department (CCEM) is seeking approval for funding to support the RDPO for the fiscal year 2014-15.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (why and why now):

The RDPO is an organization that is intended to strengthen and coordinate the Portland Metropolitan Region's disaster preparedness, response and recovery capabilities and enhance disaster resilience. Currently the core members of the organization are Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties in Oregon, Clark County in Washington, and the City of Portland. These members have been working on regional preparedness since the late 1990s and eventually developed into the RDPO with a structure that includes a Policy Committee (selected elected officials, which includes Chair John Ludlow, selected by the BCC to represent Clackamas County), Steering Committee (selected high ranking officials from emergency management, PGE, hospitals, public works, etc.), and the Program Committee that oversees the working groups (i.e. law enforcement, fire, communications, emergency management, health and public health, etc.).

The RDPO is also a product of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program that has been directed into the Portland area since 2003, however, the UASI dollars are being cut drastically to the region and are erratic. In the grant fiscal year 2013 no UASI dollars were awarded to the region and only \$1M has been awarded for the 2014 grant fiscal year, which is down from the over \$2.5M traditional award. The Policy and Steering Committees are considering ways to stabilize the RDPO funding for a coordinator regardless of future grant awards.

The RDPO's current priority projects include debris management, WebEOC system enhancements, regional multi agency coordination system, and regional preparedness and response messaging. In addition to those projects the RDPO believes that in order to have consistent quality work on projects and to perform administrative duties that are coherent, core funding is needed for a RDPO Coordinator. In order to maintain sufficient funding the RDPO Policy and Steering Committees are asking that current core members provide funding to sustain the RDPO Coordinator, ranging from \$30,000 to \$40,000 for Clackamas County for fiscal year 2014-15. Estimates are based on population.

The financial support of \$30,000 to \$40,000 will provide Clackamas County with voting rights related to financial matters, coordination and planning for regional debris management coordination, resource ordering, regional WebEOC projects, consistent preparedness and response messaging, as well as other projects.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

The financial implications for fiscal year 2014-15 are a maximum of \$40,000 and commitment would continue as long as the RDPO is in existence. The cost may rise slightly from year to year to cover increase in costs related to the RDPO Coordinator. The support for the RDPO would come from the general fund and would be run through the Emergency Management budget to administer and monitor.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

An Inter-governmental agreement (IGA) is currently being developed and reviewed by the RDPO Policy Committee. When completed and ready for BCC signature, it will first be reviewed by County Counsel.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

The RDPO will continue to require governmental and public participation from elected officials in the region at the county and incorporated city levels, representatives from county governments and special districts, and representatives from private industry such as power companies and hospitals.

OPTIONS:

1. The BCC approves the RDPO funding, which will enhance preparedness, response and recovery in the region for future disasters. Membership in the RDPO strengthens Clackamas County's ability to respond to disasters by making more resources available and through regional planning that is critical, such as debris management.
2. The BCC does not approve the RDPO funding, which will make it more difficult for Clackamas County to have a voice in regional disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the BCC approve on-going funding for the RDPO. The maximum funding level for fiscal year 2014-15 is \$40,000. The funding amount may be lower if additional core members choose to join and if all five core members contribute. See attachment for estimated costs for the expected five core members.

If the recommendation is not implemented Clackamas County will not have a strong voice in regional disaster preparedness which will impact law enforcement, 911, fire districts, and public works.

ATTACHMENTS:

Sample Local Cost Share RDPO Administrator Costs

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval

Department Director/Head Approval

County Administrator Approval

Nancy Benson
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Fiscal Impact Form – Instructions

RESOURCES:

Is this item in your current work plan and budget?

YES

NO

START-UP EXPENSES AND STAFFING (if applicable):

This is a new request that requires additional general funding requested from the BCC budget. There are no grant funds or other funding available for this project. The estimated amount for the 2014-15 fiscal year is \$30,000 to \$40,000.

ONGOING OPERATING EXPENSES/SAVINGS AND STAFFING (if applicable):

This is an on-going project for as long as the RDPO is in existence. There will be an inter-governmental agreement (IGA) that each jurisdiction will sign, which will have a termination clause if in the future the RDPO is not meeting expectations.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

The RDPO will provide better service to our residents before, during and after disaster by providing a coordinated effort for resources and by making available more resources for disasters. In addition, it also provides the opportunity to ensure that residents in the region receive the same preparedness and response messages.

COSTS & BENEFITS:

Costs:							
	Item	Hours	Start-up Capital	Other Start-up	Annual Operations	Annual Capital	TOTAL
	RDPO Coordinator/Clackamas estimated portion maximum				\$40,000		\$40,000
	Total Start-up Costs						
	Ongoing Annual Costs				\$40,000		\$40,000
Benefits/Savings:							
	Item	Hours	Start-up Capital	Other Start-up	Annual Operations	Annual Capital	TOTAL
	N/A						
	Total Start-up Benefit/Savings						
	Ongoing Annual Benefit/Savings				\$\$\$		\$\$\$

**Sample Cost Share Proposal (Five Counties and the City of Portland*):
\$175,000 for the Period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

Funds the Administrator's Costs Only

6 Major Jurisdictions (apportioned by population)			
Location	2012 Population Estimate (U.S. Census)	% of Total	Contribution
Multnomah County/Portland	759,256	34.85%	\$60,995
Washington County	547,672	25.14%	\$43,998
Clark County	438,287	20.12%	\$35,210
Clackamas County	383,857	17.62%	\$30,837
Columbia County	49,286	2.26%	\$3,959
Totals:	2,178,358	100.00%	\$175,000.00

*The core group is still forming and may include additional partners or there is a potential for partner(s) to decline on current list. Currently jurisdictions above are going through the same process as the BCC.