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Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
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**REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$281,882 FROM THE FY 2025 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT**

Fiscal Impact: \$281,882; State; Not budgeted; Discretionary

The Kern County Fire Department – Office of Emergency Services annually receives an allocation of grant funds under the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security made available through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

The purpose of the EMPG grant is to provide funding for emergency management activities that will enhance local capability to prevent, prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from disasters, whether natural or man-made. The Department receives this federal pass-through funding for operational support of the Department's Emergency Services division.

The FY 2025 EMPG allocation for Kern County is \$281,882. The EMPG grant requires a dollar-for-dollar local match. Appropriations for the County's matching cost are included in the Fire Department's approved budget. The performance period for this grant is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

On April 28, 2026, your Board authorized the Kern County Fire Department to submit the application documents, designated Authorized Agents and retroactively approved staff action to sign award letters within the state defined timeline.

Funding for the following projects has been approved by CalOES and is consistent with the department's goal of enhancing operational preparedness and response capabilities:

- \$34,784 to fund maintenance costs for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Audio/Visual system.
- \$106,863 to partially fund the third- and fourth-year service agreement with Deaf Link, which will provide American Sign Language interpretation and Spanish-language translation of alerts and warnings issued through ReadyKern.

- \$134,235 to retain a consultant to update the Kern Emergency Operations Plan.
- \$3,500 to provide emergency management training for Emergency Operations Center staff.
- \$2,500 to fund rental space for disaster equipment trailers staged in the Kern River Valley.

To expend the grant award, the Fire Department requests to recognize unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$281,882 in Fund 1017FD, Cost Center 3496CC, revenue key 1240RC; and appropriate \$175,019 to account key 1155 (Special Department Expense) and \$106,863 to account key 1114 (PSS/Data Processing).

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the appropriation of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$281,882 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for emergency management activities in Cost Center 3496CC and authorize the Auditor-Controller to process specified budgetary adjustments and accounting transactions.

Sincerely,



AARON DUNCAN
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cc: Amanda Ruiz, Sr. Fiscal and Policy Analyst



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Company Kern County
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Description Unanticipated Revenue - FY25 EMPG
Amendment Type Board Amendment
Balanced Amendment Yes
Status In Progress

Budget Amendment Entries

Period	*Ledger Account/Summary	Spend Category	Revenue Category	*Cost Center	Designation	*Additional Worktags	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Memo	Exceptions
2027 Year (FY27 Operating Budget - Adopted)	6050:Services & Supplies	1114SC - PSS/Data Processing		3496CC Emergency Preparedness Grants		Fund: 1017FD Structural Fire	\$106,863.00	\$0.00		
2027 Year (FY27 Operating Budget - Adopted)	6050:Services & Supplies	1155SC - Special Departmental Expense (SDE)		3496CC Emergency Preparedness Grants		Fund: 1017FD Structural Fire	\$175,019.00	\$0.00		
2027 Year (FY27 Operating Budget - Adopted)	4300:Intergovernmental Revenues		1240RC - Federal Aid-Other	3496CC Emergency Preparedness Grants		Fund: 1017FD Structural Fire	\$0.00	\$281,882.00		

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Budget Amendment Event	Approval by Cost Center Manager	Automatic Approval	10/05/2026 10:05:55 AM	10/06/2026	Brent Currie (Cost Center Manager)	1	
Budget Amendment Event	Approval by Project Manager	Not Required		10/06/2026		0	
Budget Amendment Event	Approval by Project Hierarchy Manager	Not Required		10/06/2026		0	
Budget Amendment Event	Approval by Budget Manager	Awaiting Action		10/07/2026	Alejandro Alva (Budget Manager)	10	
					Amanda Ruiz (Budget Manager)		
					Antoinette Woods (Budget Manager)		
					Elsa Martinez (Budget Manager)		
					Eric Nisbett (Budget Manager)		

Remaining Process

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