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Memo To: County Administrator Mahesh Sharma

From: Major Shawn Roth

REF: Apply for RDA Grant for Multi-Jurisdictional Mobile Field Force Equipment and Supplies

The Sheriff's Office is requesting Board approval to apply to the Regional Development Authority (RDA) for \$35,000 to cover the costs of equipment and supplies for the newly formed, multi-jurisdictional Mobile Field Force/Civil Disorder Unit (MFF). The MFF was formed in response to the civil unrest in 2020 and after the Davenport Police Department hosted the Homefront Protective Group for a "Disorder Control" train-the-trainer class in October 2021. A total of nine agencies sent personnel to this course and at the conclusion, local attendees began to discuss the next steps. It was agreed the best course of action was for the region to pool resources and train together. The Quad City Multi-Jurisdictional Mobile Field Force concept was developed in response to these conversations and local chiefs and sheriffs agreed to move forward with organization and training.

The development of a multi-jurisdictional mobile field force is a complex process that is dependent on the full commitment of the member agencies. As of today, the Mobile Field Force (MFF) consists of members from the following agencies in addition to Davenport PD: Bettendorf, Clinton, East Moline, Eldridge, Moline, Muscatine, and Rock Island Police Departments and Clinton County, Rock Island County and Scott County Sheriff's Offices.

The formation of any special operations team involves numerous resources not only in the form of equipment, but also training, to ensure the team is properly equipped and in an adequate operational state. Once established, the need for resources will become moderated. The varying sizes of the member agencies impacts the ability to have across the board contributions, but rather dictates contributions to be of a per member nature, with some additional contributions, as able.

We have been training monthly since June of 2022 and are scheduled to continue on that trajectory through June of 2023, then transition to quarterly training once we reach an acceptable level of competency.

There is an immediate need to move forward on equipment acquisition.

Total Start-up Equipment Costs:	\$75,000
RDA Request:	\$35,000
Costs absorbed by participating agencies:	\$40,000

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 16, 2023

APPROVAL OF RDA MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MOBILE FIELD FORCE GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. That the RDA Grant application for the Multi-Jurisdictional Mobile Field Force equipment grant is hereby approved.
- Section 2. That the Scott County Sheriff is hereby authorized to sign any said agreements.
- Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.