

Oregon State Police Ball

Request: Authorization to apply for a federal grant of up to \$700,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase a new aircraft, which would support the Oregon State Police mission and goals.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: On June 14, 2017, the Oregon State Police (OSP) submitted a letter seeking approval to apply for the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), made available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency. This is a competitive grant and applications are due no later than June 22, 2017.

The grant plays an important role in national preparedness by supporting the building, sustainment and delivery of core capabilities essential to a secure and resilient nation. Allowable costs under the PSGP support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities with specific focus on addressing the security needs of our nation's maritime ports. OSP is part of a maritime security plan for District 13, which includes the Columbia River, Hells Canyon/Snake River and the south coast to Florence. Oregon has nine ports and four dams on the Columbia River and three dams on the Snake River.

OSP reports the grant funding would be used to purchase a Cessna 206 aircraft to be used to provide aerial support to the agency, as well as monitor Oregon's ports. It is estimated the aircraft would cost roughly \$700,000. There is a 25 percent match requirement associated with the grant and OSP has sufficient Other Funds available to satisfy the match requirement.

The award period would be for 36-month beginning on September 1, 2017. Applicants will be notified if they were successful, no later than September 30, 2017. If successful, OSP may need to return to an appropriate legislative body to seek additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.