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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Nancy Nathanson, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
900 Court Street NE  
H-178 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4048

**RE: DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – GRANT APPLICATION RELATED TO PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

**Nature of the Request**

The Department of State Police (OSP) respectfully requests approval to apply for approximately \$700,000 in Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) grant funding. These grant funds have been made available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant application is due June 22, 2017. The grant opportunity became available on June 2, 2017.

**Agency Action**

The Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program supports efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery mission areas, with specific focus on addressing the security needs of the maritime transportation area ports. Grant funding would be for the purpose of purchasing a Cessna 206 aircraft allowing for longer patrol time with greater fuel capacity, passenger capacity and providing the Department with the ability to replace a current plane with an aging airframe.

Oregon has nine ports on the Columbia River, which are critical for transportation of goods and services. OSP pilots routinely conduct flight missions along the Columbia River and related tributaries. These missions are primarily for enforcement and census flights for the fisheries of salmon, steelhead and sturgeon; as well as easy detection and reporting of suspicious activity at any of the ports from aerial over flights for quicker response time for law enforcement authorities. A patrol flight stretching from Astoria to Hermiston could be flown in less than four hours, saving time and resources monitoring the ports that are located further inland.

The Columbia River also has four dams in Oregon which include Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day and McNary which our pilots can also provide aerial surveillance during their routine flight missions. The Snake River has three dams in Oregon which are the Hells Canyon Dam, Oxbow Dam and Brownlee Dam.

Funding from this grant would directly support the Oregon State Police mission and goals. PSGP grant funding would be used to purchase a new or used aircraft with low hours to assist in carrying out the daily missions of the aircraft program. The aircraft program provides aerial support to OSP Fish & Wildlife (F&W) troopers by conducting enforcement flights to combat poachers, illegal hunting at night, winter range protection, natural resource/watershed protection, fisheries along all of Oregon's rivers, lakes and ocean, rapid deployment of troopers, and to assist in locating lost/injured recreationalists. The aircraft program also conducts numerous telemetry and census flights for our partner agency, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), such as flights to count elk, deer, big horn sheep, wolves and other animals. Flight missions are routinely conducted along the Columbia River. Missions are also conducted for coastal shellfish, monitoring of marine reserves and commercial fisheries where feasible. The aircraft program also supports the mission of the Department by conducting flight missions when requested in areas such as, traffic enforcement, drug enforcement, Criminal Division assistance, missing persons, arson, and outside agency assists for other state and federal law enforcement agencies.

The grant does require a cash or in-kind match. The amount of the match is 25%, or \$172,500. The Department will use Other Funds to meet the match requirement. A potential grant award would begin around September 2017 with a three year award period.

The grant application would not include any position action items.

**Action Requested**

Approve the Department's request to apply for approximately \$700,000 in funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Travis Hampton, Superintendent  
Oregon State Police

Cc: George Naughton, Department of Administrative Services – Chief Financial Office  
Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Office