

FY 23-24 Budget Request



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



After Action Report | \$110,000

Current Recommendation:

The FY 2023-24 budget is recommended at \$4,396,683 in expenditures, revenues of \$1,433,683, general fund contribution of \$2,413,000, and \$550,000 of restricted fund balance use. The recommendation includes \$95,000 in augmentations (\$45,000 for cloud based WebEOC upgrade and \$50,0000 for the winter storm after action report) but excludes \$315,000 for other augmentations. This department was created in the middle of FY 2022-23 and this is the year a recommended budget was developed for the department.

Challenge:

After conducting a formal request for proposals to assess and write an after action review of the county response to the January and March winter storms, the cumulative proposals submitted estimated an average cost of \$118,000.

Request:

\$60,000 increase in the current recommended budget for the Winter Storms After Action Reports, totaling \$110,000; One time cost.



Management Analyst II | \$162,690

Purpose:

Due to the increase in frequency of Proclaimed Local Emergencies and the activation of the Emergency Operations Center, the need for a dedicated Management Analyst II position is necessary to aid in the management of Contracts, Pre and Post Event MOU's, Grants. This position will work in collaboration with Contracts-Purchasing. This position is critical for FEMA Public Assistance Reimbursements.

Challenge:

- Decentralized organization places the responsibility for contract development, execution, and management on the individual departments.
- Small department with many contracts.
- Potential legal and financial risk due to poorly developed contracts.
- Potential loss of revenue due to missed potential grant opportunities and deadlines in response to Public Assistance Grants.

Request: \$162,690 for one (1) FTE Management Analyst II; Ongoing cost.



Account Clerk | \$98,930

Purpose:

A dedicated Account Clerk to assist with lower-level accounting duties and functions within the department for the purpose of **invoice processing for disaster**Cost Recovery and Grant Administration. This position is critical for FEMA Public Assistance Reimbursement.

Challenge:

- Due to frequency of declared emergency events, having in-house dedicated accounting staff allows for continuity of operations and specialized knowledge within the field of emergency management and public assistance requirements.
- Currently, DEM borrows Account Clerks from other departments for extended periods of time to process and reconcile disaster invoices in response to an emergency and during recovery operations.
- The current strategy requires constant recruitment and repeated training of new accounting staff.
- Impacts other County departments and increases risk of lost or delayed federal reimbursement.

Request: \$98,930 for one (1) FTE Account Clerk; Ongoing cost.



Emergency Website | \$40,000

Purpose:

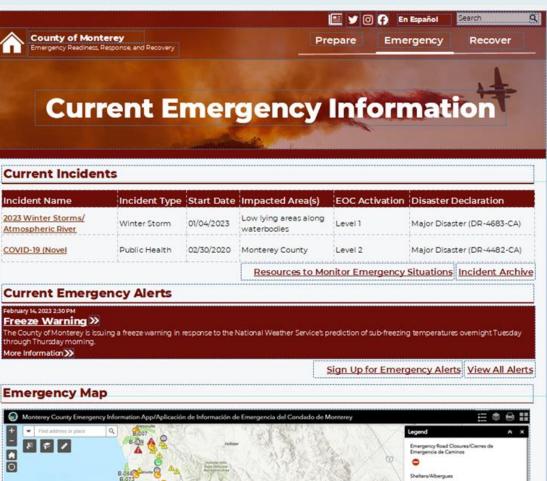
During emergencies citizens look to their governments to provide protective measures, economic relief, and supply a steady flow of timely and accurate information. The County is in need of a **dedicated Disaster/Emergency Website**.

Challenge:

- Without a user-friendly and well-organized website it is difficult for citizens to make well-informed life safety decisions and self-determination when accessing disaster services.
- Without a trusted and authoritative website it is difficult to address misinformation, disinformation, and fake news.
- Providing reliable information shows that the government can consistently and dependably deliver high-quality programs and services.

Request: \$40,000 for the development of a new disaster website; One time cost.







Duty Officer Vehicle | \$80,000

Purpose:

The Duty Officer is the point of contact and action agent for all threat notifications and public warning missions and the on-scene liaison to County departments, municipalities, and special districts during emergencies. The Duty Officer performs time-sensitive, public safety support functions for the Monterey County Operational Area. In 2022, DEM monitored and/or responded to approximately 40 Threats and Hazards ranging in significance and severity.

Challenge:

- The Duty Officer requires a reliable vehicle for:
 - Providing 24/7 service;
 - Accessing areas experiencing threats or hazards;
 - Communities heavily damaged by disasters;
 - Moving or towing large quantities of equipment and commodities to support first responders and emergency services provided to the community.
- There are more staff than vehicles; The demand for these vehicles is consistent in dayto-day operations and increases significantly during emergencies.

Request: \$80,000 for a new Duty Officer Vehicle; one-time cost.

Summary of Requests

Item	Cost Type	Amount
After Action Report	One Time	\$ 110,000.00
Management Analyst II	On Going	\$ 162,690.00
Account Clerk	On Going	\$ 98,930.00
Emergency Website	One Time	\$ 40,000.00
Duty Officer Vehicle	One Time	\$ 80,000.00
Total		\$ 491,620.00

