



ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: Sep 13, 2021	ITEM TIME: 1130
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FROM:	Mo DeMorat, Emergency Operations Director
TODAY'S DATE:	Sep 7, 2021
AGENDA TITLE:	OEM Budget Discussion
CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACTION ITEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	
I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:	
Restructuring of OEM budget to align with emergency spending requirements and authorities specified in Emergency Operations Plan	
II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (<i>motion</i>):	
Provide any concerns or guidance for the preparation of 2021 budget for OEM	
III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):	
PROPOSED REVENUE (<i>if applicable</i>):	
CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT:	
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE:	
FUNDING SOURCE:	
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED:	
IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):	



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V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The only hazard response that is budgeted for OEM and the County are wildland fires and the suppression actions required. However, this budgeted amount has consistently been less than required, requiring supplemental budgets each year. Additionally, other hazards do exist in Routt County which will require emergency response actions (floods, hazardous material incidents, extensive gas leaks), yet there is no budget for these incidents. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) provides emergency spending authority for the Emergency Operations Director up to \$100,000, or if this amount is exceeded prior to an emergency declaration, then the Emergency Operations Director may request an increase in emergency spending up to \$250,000. Since this authority is already provided, there seems little value in arbitrarily budgeting for emergency response for these incidents. And while the amount budgeted is based on total costs from previous years, it is only from a single hazard (wildland fires), and difficult to predict the costs for these unknown and unplanned events. All planned costs under the suppression budget (supplies, equipment, etc.), are not emergency expenses and would continue to be budgeted.

OEM would maintain an accurate accounting of all emergency response expenditures, as we have for the wildland fires since 2017. This would be a function of the Finance Section of the Incident Management Team (IMT) or Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Additionally, the OEM and Wildfire budget are separate, with the OEM budget falling under Communications budget and the Wildfire budget under OEM. From a management perspective it would be more effective to manage a single budget under OEM.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

This recommendation would combine the OEM and current wildfire suppression budget into a single and more easily manageable budget under OEM. The response actions would be funded using the Emergency Operations Director's emergency spending authority against the County's emergency reserves. All known or planned costs would continue to be budgeted. The alternative is to continue the OEM budget process as is.

IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

2022 OEM Budget Recommendation