



\$281,947.84

CARES Act Funding
Request for
19 MDC Terminals
13 July 2020

CCSO Request Meets CARE Act Standard

■ CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136

A county “*shall use the funds*”... “*to cover only those costs*” of the county that...

1. Are *necessary expenditures* incurred due to the public health emergency
2. Where not accounted for in the county’s most recent budget
3. Were incurred during the period that begins March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

A Necessary Expenditure Due to the Coronavirus

■ Necessary?

Public-health authorities have *encouraged all types of services* to use remote work.

These MDCs and other equipment ***will strengthen*** the SO's ability to work remotely.

This alone meets the standard!

Treasury's Guidance Allows for an Exercise of Judgment

- U.S. Treasury, Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments, at 1 (Apr. 22, 2020)

“The Department of the Treasury understands this term [necessary] broadly to mean that the expenditure is *reasonable necessary for its intended use* in the reasonable judgment of the government officials responsible for spending Fund payments.”

Request Supports CCSO's Pandemic Response Plan

■ Fixed jail posts are priority #1

- TJC determines our mandatory posts
- Collin County's variance is already 1:72

■ Pandemic Plan: Staff jail with licensed personnel and then backfill patrol

- Use TJC licensed deputies in the jail
- Backfill Patrol with CIS & command staff
- CIS & command staff support closest-to-call paradigm
- Plan assisted by Deputy Constables

■ Deputy sheriffs with jail licenses needed in the jail

- 41 Detention Officer vacancies
- 50 Deputy Sheriffs hold a jail license / most are in Patrol Division
- 5 Patrol deputies & 9 courthouse officers assigned to the Jail

Concerns of County's Lawyer

- “Not necessary” because laptops give CIS & command staff ability to work from home.
 - CARES Act & Treasury doesn't say the *only qualifying projects* are ones that create *entirely new capacity*.
 - SO's project ***strengthens*** its ability to work remotely.
 - US Treasury guidance allows for “***improvement of telework capabilities.***”

■ “Nothing intrinsic about MDCs that makes them a *necessary* aid in responding to” COVID-19.

- It’s the most efficient solution to field deputies, thereby helping CCSO better deal with a manpower deficit caused by Covid-19.
- An MDC is industry standard to handle dispatched 911 calls.
- The Coronavirus pandemic makes it *reasonably necessary* to increase the number of deputies who are equipped to work patrol or handle dispatched calls.

Don't Use a Policy Principle to Interpret a CARES Act Request

- **“MDCs become available if deputies are assigned to the jail.”**
 - Policy decisions cause CCSO to use a “pool” approach to patrol MDCs, (like patrol vehicles, body cameras and radios in the jail).
 - But CCSO uses an “individual” approach in issuing uniforms, firearms, body armor, laptops, and portable radios in Patrol.
 - CARES Act nor Treasury guidance dictate neither.

Why Individually Issue MDCs?

- MDCs are necessary to assign additional duties to CIS & command staff.
 - Patrol deputies meet at SO to brief and pickup patrol cars.
 - CIS & command staff go on-duty directly from home.
 - “*Closest-to-call*” paradigm is now imperative.
 - When all cars are MDC equipped, 911 Center can deploy any deputy to a call.
 - Smooth-top cars are essential. Become multi-purpose with MDCs.

“Deputies Already Have Laptops”

- The same, but different...

- MDCs handle extreme environments (excessive heat/cold, moisture, dirt, etc.) Laptops cannot.
- MDCs are impact resistant. Laptops are not.
- MDCs have in-car docking for charging, portability and security. Laptops do not.
- MDCs allow for mobile viewing. Laptops do not.

Tools Provided by MDC

- Data port connection for mobile video, mapping, GPS & Global Protect
- Brighter screen for outdoor use
- Allows for real-time flow of information between Dispatch and Deputies
- Electronically dispatches Calls-for-Service and continually updates call notes
- Provides mapping & electronic routing instructions for First Responders
- Provides incident location history
- Alerts – (Medical/Covid-19, Dangerous Animals, Violent Offenders, etc.)
- Allows for self-initiated activity to reduce radio traffic
- TCIC/NCIC & TLETS access

MDC Package Cost

• MDC – Dell Latitude Rugged	\$1,981.90
• Vehicle Dock	\$547.90
• EA License	\$633.60
• ICS Software	\$8,069.56
• Router / Cradlepoint	\$1,681.00
• MiFi	\$111.50
• <u>Athena License</u>	<u>\$1,813.90</u>
Total Package	\$14,839.36
19 MDCs Total -	\$281,947.84

Implementation

■ Recurring Costs

- Annual ICS Software Support Fee = \$22,478.90
- Could be paid with forfeiture funds.

■ Transfer existing WordPerfect software license to MDCs.

■ IT can repurpose the existing laptops.