


11. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from Gary Sinise Foundation's First Responder Grant Program for Aimpoint Equipment in the Amount of \$71,150



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	December 3, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from Gary Sinise Foundation's First Responder Grant Program for Aimpoint Equipment in the Amount of \$71,150
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katy Hornbeck, Grants Manager Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize a grant application to the Gary Sinise Foundation's First Responder Grant program for Aimpoint Equipment in the amount of \$71,150.

BACKGROUND

The Gary Sinise Foundation (Foundation) creates and supports unique programs designed to entertain, educate, inspire, strengthen, and build communities. The Foundation's grant program, First Responder, provides funding specifically for law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical service, and search and rescue organizations. Grant requests are limited to equipment and training. The East Bay Regional Park District's (Park District) Public Safety Division qualifies as an organization to submit a grant funding request for Aimpoint equipment to support their fleet of optics.

ANALYSIS

The Park District Police Department currently operates an aging fleet of optics for patrol rifles and less lethal munitions. Most of these optics are nearly a decade old and do not align with the advanced capabilities and durability offered by today's professional-grade options. Aimpoint equipment optics are widely recognized as a premier manufacturer of professional-grade firearm optics. The Park District's police department has successfully field-tested several Aimpoint models, which have earned a solid reputation within law enforcement circles. Research demonstrates that the integration of modern optics significantly enhances situational awareness and safety for officers. Additionally, these contemporary optics are lighter, more durable, and require less maintenance than older alternatives. Outfitting the police department's firearms with Aimpoint optics can substantially improve officers' effectiveness when responding to incidents.

FISCAL IMPACT

This resolution authorizes a grant application of \$71,150 to upgrade the department's current weapon optics. This action will increase the ongoing annual operating cost of the Park District

minimally as the only required upkeep is batteries which will be covered by the department's operational budget. The Aimpoint optic's warranty program covers the cost of replacing damaged optics as needed.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 12 -
DECEMBER 3, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM GARY SINISE
FOUNDATION'S FIRST RESPONDER GRANT PROGRAM FOR AIMPOINT
EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,150**

WHEREAS, the Gary Sinise Foundation's First Responder grant program provides funding for equipment and training for law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical service, and search and rescue organizations; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District's (Park District) Police Department qualifies as an organization to submit a grant funding request for Aimpoint equipment to support their fleet of optics; and

WHEREAS, Park District procedure require Board approval for all grant applications and funding agreements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves the filing of an application for Aimpoint Equipment in the amount of \$71,150;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors authorizes and directs the General Manager or Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services\CFO, on behalf of the Park District and in its name, to accept grant funds and execute and deliver such documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and amendments and to do such acts as may be deemed or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services\CFO or Budget Manager is hereby authorized to amend the current year's budget, without further Board action, upon approval of this resolution. The budget amendment will include an increase in budgeted revenue and a corresponding increase in appropriation for the amount stipulated in the grant contract.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and
adopted December 3, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: