

Exhibit "A"

Scope of Expenditures

1. The following is the scope of expenditures to be funded by the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund For Local Governments received by the County of San Bernardino:

The following scope of expenditures sustains operations and increases dispatch capacity in support of the regional response to the current COVID-19 pandemic:

- **CAD to CAD Program:** Implementation of a Regional Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) to CAD program which allows for the coordinated communication, assignment and tracking of resources during calls-for-service. This will allow disparate CAD systems to communicate through a network-based hub that translates information from one CAD to another in real time. CAD to CAD will allow multijurisdictional agencies to respond to the COVID-19 emergency quicker, more efficiently, and in a safer manner. More specifically, CAD is a system which allows for the coordinated communication, assignment and tracking of resources during calls-for-service. When information for a call is input into CAD, the system recommends what resources are needed for that emergency response. Generally, the software for CAD systems is specialized and does not easily interact with other systems. Because of this, when a call comes in and resources outside the department are needed, a dispatcher must pick up a phone and call another agency to request assistance. A CAD to CAD program is system software that allows different dispatch centers to communicate with each other regardless of which type of program being used. The CAD to CAD system allows sharing information between participating agencies providing immediate intel to field units. Confire has been leading a two-county effort to implement a regional CAD to CAD program. Only three dispatch centers (one in Riverside County) have committed to the program due to limited funding. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the need to complete this piece of the regional response. Since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, the San Bernardino COVID-19 Incident Management Team (IMT) has established a rudimentary project that allows disparate CAD systems to communicate through a network-based hub that translates information from one CAD to another in real time. The project that will be funded by CARES Act funds will reduce the time required to share information by phone between dispatch centers, the need for which became critically apparent during the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The expansion and upgrade of this dispatch capacity affords the following benefits:
- Real-time situational awareness and common operating picture between neighboring communications centers.
- Expedites resource requests between agencies, potentially reducing response times across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Improves the transmission and update of incident information to responders.
- Facilitates information flow of real-time information to all San Bernardino County responders regardless of jurisdiction.

- **Regional Dispatch Improvements:** Investment in technological improvements at the Hesperia location, to enable seamless operations between the two locations. This investment will provide for full redundancy should one location or center become impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic. More specifically, Confire must invest in technological improvements at the Hesperia location to enable seamless operations between its two locations (Rialto and Hesperia). This investment will provide for full redundancy should one location or center become impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic. Staffing necessary to support the Hesperia center includes a command level officer, additional supervision and a computerized mapping analyst, costs of which may be incurred by Confire and SBCFPD. In addition, lessons learned from 9-1-1 centers located in impacted COVID-19 hot spots indicate that the procurement of portable call-taking equipment is vital in increasing the capacity for multiple dispatch centers to work together.
- **Emergency Community Nurse System (Nurse Triage Program):** As an accredited center for Emergency Medical Dispatch Confire has the ability to expand its Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program to incorporate a nurse element that would allow for the further screening of certain calls that can assist in identifying potential COVID-19 or other communicable-disease cases and directing them to appropriate treatment and transportation options. Utilizing nurses provided by the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District with Confire's expanded dispatch capabilities, protocols will be implemented to ensure the patient gets to the correct treatment site. This proactive approach of installing nurses in the dispatch center provides for the appropriate care and safety measures for all involved.

The above programs/projects will enable Confire to sustain and expand its capability for response to the COVID-19 pandemic with investment into critical infrastructure of the region.

The use of CARES Act funds for these programs/projects is permissible as the costs for Confire:

- are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
 - were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act); and
 - were incurred during the period that begins March 1, 2020 and ends December 30, 2020.
2. Not-to-exceed amount of expenditures described in 1, above, incurred and paid during the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 is \$2,071,000.
 3. Test:
 - a. Is the expense connected to the current COVID-19 emergency and, if yes, how?

Yes. COVID-19 is an ongoing pandemic. The expense will allow Emergency Medical Services (EMS) dispatched by CONFIRE to respond better in the current COVID-19 pandemic.

- b. Is the expense “necessary” due to the COVID-19 emergency and, if yes, how?

Yes, the expense is necessary to ensure efficiency in response, better protect first responders and to assure COVID-19 related patients are transported to appropriate destinations. The nurse triage capability could help re-direct certain callers to more appropriate treatment options, thereby averting a dispatch to first responders. CAD to CAD ensures agencies can effectively communicate details related to COVID-19 responses and improve overall regional situational awareness and resource management should a surge in COVID-19 cases impact resource availability. This investment will also provide for full redundancy of regional dispatch capabilities should one location or center become impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- c. If the expense includes meeting payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees, are these services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and, if yes, how?

Resources are substantially dedicated to the COVID-19 crisis as dispatchers, and first responders providing emergency medical services.

- d. Is the expense filling a short fall in government revenues?

No

- e. Is the expense funded through another budget line item, allotment or allocation, as of March 27, 2020?

No

- f. True or false: The expense would not exist without COVID-19 OR would be for a “substantially different” purpose.

- i. If true, please explain.

CARES Act funding is necessary to provide immediate funding for these programs in a manner that would expedite their deployment during the COVID-19 pandemic and increase the number of agencies that could participate.

- g. The CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund is considered as federal financial assistance under the Single Audit Act and is subject to 2 CFR Part 200, including but not limited to 2 CFR 200.303 (internal control), 200.330 thru 200.332 (subrecipient monitoring and management), and subpart F (audit). Does your agency have adequate policies and

procedures in place to be in compliance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 as prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)?

Yes.