



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Civil Defense

DATE: 10/30/2025

RE: 2025 State Homeland Security Program Grant

1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) The original 2025 SHSP the commission approved this spring was for \$44,000.00 to purchase five Canary Case portable cell towers. The Administration on October 10, 2025 stated Blount County would instead get \$75,000.00. BEMA will use the extra \$31,000 for 2 Starlink Systems, tech supporting them and an Enclosed Trailer. Executed contract should arrive in spring/summer of 2026.
2. Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded) Current operations would not be affected because the revenue from TEMA reimburses the county for expenses already incurred.
3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) No Impact

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 44,000.00
Amendment Impact	\$ 31,000.00
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 75,000.00

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Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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