

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sheriff Troy Knudson
INITIATED BY



8/19/2022
DATE DRAFTED

**Accepting the Rock County SIMCOM 2020 (2022) Exercise Grant and Amending the 2022
Emergency Management Budget**

WHEREAS, the Rock County Sheriff’s Office manages the Rock County Emergency Management budget; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has awarded the Rock County Sheriff’s Office – Emergency Management Bureau the Rock County SIMCOM 2020 (2022) Exercise Grant in the amount of \$9,725; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County SIMCOM 2020 (2022) Exercise Grant will be used to provide lunch, rehab, ground reservations, and training room rental.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 8th day of September 2022, accepts the Rock County SIMCOM 2020 (2022) Exercise Grant award and amends the Emergency Management budget as follows:

Account	Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds 21-2560-3000-42200 State Aid	\$0	\$9,725	\$9,725
Use of Funds 21-2560-3000-64200 Training Expense	\$0	\$9,725	\$9,725

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution accepts and authorizes the expenditure of \$9,725 in state aid to help fund a disaster interoperability exercise. No County matching funds are required.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to § 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2022 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Public Safety and Justice Committee

Public Safety & Justice Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Clasen was absent.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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In 2020, Wisconsin Emergency Management received a grant to conduct a collaborative, live-play, statewide communications exercise between state and local stakeholders to test interoperability in a disaster. Lake Delton was selected as the primary site and Rock County was chosen as a remote site for the exercise. Lake Delton received the initial SIMCOM 2020 grant through Wisconsin Emergency Management, as a pass through from FEMA.

Due to the pandemic, Covid-19, SIMCOM 2020 was postponed until 2021. In 2021, Lake Delton was again the grant holder. Unfortunately, due to ongoing concerns of the pandemic and close contact between participants, the exercise was cancelled. Lake Delton lost the grant.

For Wisconsin to continue SIMCOM and secure the 2020 SIMCOM grant, FEMA required a new location as the primary site, which would be the holder of the SIMCOM grant. Rock County was selected for this opportunity.

SIMCOM is scheduled for October 12 – 14, 2022 in Rock County. The schedule follows:

Day 1: SIMCOM Training Day – 100 attendees expected

Day 2: Exercise Day – 150 attendees expected

Day 3: Debrief – 100 attendees possible

The grant award of \$9,725 will cover lunch and rehab for day 2 and day 3, as well as reservation and rental costs. These costs qualify per the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Lunch and rehab costs are set to the state rates of \$11 per lunch and \$7 per rehab. Day 2 costs are estimated at \$4500 and Day 3 costs are estimated at \$2700. Grounds and training rentals are estimated at 2,525.

SIMCOM is an opportunity for Rock County to collaborate with local, regional, state, and federal partners to test radio interoperability and build strong partnerships for the future. Agencies are expected from the Department of Homeland Security, Illinois Incident Management Teams, Wisconsin National Guard, and many others. SIMCOM is expected to be a one-time event for Rock County.

SIMCOM will also qualify for exercise credit for the Emergency Management Bureau's grant requirements.