



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
June 8, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Grant: Citizen's Option for Public Safety Externally Funded Program

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution: (1) authorizing acceptance of \$653,567 in grant funding from the State of California's Citizen's Option for Public Safety Program, (2) increasing the Police Department's Grant Operating and Grant Revenue budgets in the amount of \$653,567.

Contact: Chris Taylor, Sergeant, 433-0857

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Fiscal/Economic Development

Organization No: 2112

Summary:

The State of California has allocated \$653,567 in funding to the Police Department through the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program. The Police Department is requesting approval to accept and use COPS grant funds to update and improve information technology systems in order to improve efficiency. No general fund budget augmentations or matching funds are required to accept or utilize these grant funds.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Background Information:

In 1996, the California legislature enacted AB3239, which established the COPS Grant Program. The State COPS Program provides funding to local City and County law enforcement agencies for public safety purposes. This year the COPS Program has appropriated funding from the State's General Fund for use by local government for the purpose of ensuring public safety for front line law enforcement. The Police Department is requesting approval to accept and use \$653,567 in COPS Program funding.

The Police Department plans to utilize this funding for information technology related needs and enhancements to the radio communications system to allow public safety radios to operate inside school facilities where sufficient radio coverage does not presently exist.

The Police Department has determined through the School Resource Officer Program that the public safety radio system does not function adequately in some of our local school campuses. This lack of communication is due to a combination of environmental factors, radio technology, and building design. Current State law does not require remedial measures to improve these systems and no funding source exists on a local level.

Financial Considerations:

The total allocation of State COPS Program funding to the Sacramento Police Department is \$653,567. Funds are to be used for information technology upgrades and improvements in the public safety radio systems. No general fund budget augmentations or matching funds are required to accept or utilize these grant funds.

Environmental Considerations:

This activity does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines Sections 15601(b)(1) and 15378(b)(3).

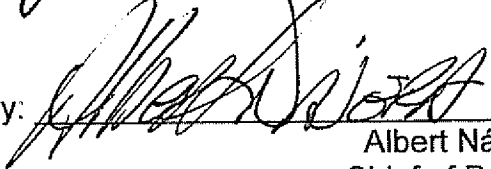
Policy Considerations:

Accepting COPS funding is consistent with past practices of using State Public Safety funding to enhance law enforcement operations. The Police Department has received and used COPS funding in previous years.

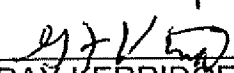
Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

Purchase of supplies and equipment will be made in accordance with the City's Emerging Small Business Development program requirements whenever possible.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Jim Maccoun, Lieutenant

Approved by: 
Albert Nájera
Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

Ref: COP 5-23

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 8, 2006

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT

BACKGROUND

- A. The State Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program provides funding to local City and County law enforcement agencies for public safety purposes. The State of California has allocated \$653,567 in funding to the Police Department through the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program.
- B. The Police Department plans to utilize this funding for information technology related needs and enhancements to the radio communications system to allow public safety radios to operate inside school facilities where sufficient radio coverage does not presently exist.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designated representative, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Sacramento, to accept COPS funds in the amount of \$653,567, including any extensions or amendments thereof, to supplement law enforcement services, and to utilize this funding for information technology related needs and enhancements to the radio communications system.
- Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to adjust expenditure and revenue budgets within the Police Department to meet project needs.

