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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT
CAMERAS

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide.

RECOMMENDATION: For Council information only.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Lieutenant Cara Westin, Economic Development, 264-7327

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 14, 2000

SUMMARY:

The Sacramento Police Department has received 270 Polaroid cameras and film valued at \$34,000 from an Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) grant fund. The cameras will be used by officers to collect pictorial evidence at domestic violence crime scenes.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None

BACKGROUND:

The OCJP received a one million-dollar Violence Against Women Act grant to provide photographic equipment to law enforcement agencies so that officers could take pictures of evidentiary value at domestic violence scenes. In fulfillment of grant award requirements, the California District Attorney's Association and the Institute for the Advancement of Criminal Justice distributed 270 35mm Polaroid cameras and more than 2,300 rolls of film to the Sacramento Police Department after Department staff completed a domestic violence related survey and sent an employee to POST training.

The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property; solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable. This activity does not constitute a "project" and is, therefore, exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061 and 15378.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Police Department received a one-time distribution of approximately \$34,000 in 35mm cameras and film.


POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Acceptance and use of the Polaroid cameras is consistent with previously adopted policies directed at addressing domestic violence.

ESBD/SBE CONSIDERATIONS:

Goods and services purchased for this grant will be in accordance with the Emerging and Small Business Development program requirements.

Respectfully submitted,


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