



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
December 8, 2009

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Title: 2009 COPS Secure Our Schools Program (SOS)

Location/Council District: City Council Districts 2, 6 and 8

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution 1**) authorizing the City Manager, or his designated representative, to accept \$463,699 in federal grant funding through the *Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Secure Our Schools Program (SOS)* grant administered through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Contact: James Maccoun, Captain, 808-0841

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Fiscal Operations

Organization No: 11001021

Description/Analysis

Issue: On April 30, 2009, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2009-253 authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for \$463,682 in federal grant funding through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Secure Our Schools Program. Increased equipment costs necessitated increasing the grant application amount by \$17 to \$463,699. SPD is returning to seek approval from the City Council to accept the award of \$463,699 granted through the COPS Secure Our Schools Program. The City of Sacramento Police Department (SPD) will administer the grant award in partnership with the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) and the Robla School District (RSD). This award will fund up to 50% of the cost of the establishing and enhancing a variety of school safety efforts within the community and increase law enforcement capability to implement community oriented policing strategies. The school district will pay the matching 50% of the project costs. Implementing this grant will not require the City of Sacramento to expend any funds other than the cost of staff time to administer and manage the grant program.

Policy Considerations: Accepting federal grants is consistent with past practices of using grant funding to increase law enforcement and community safety and to further the Council-adopted policy of providing high-quality public service to citizens, schools, and neighborhoods.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: The Police Department is requesting approval to accept the COPS Secure Our Schools Program funding to partner with the Sacramento City Unified School District and the Robla School District in establishing and enhancing a variety of school safety equipment improvements. These improvements include surveillance cameras, upgrades to door hardware, and additions and upgrades to security lighting. The safety improvements that will be implemented with these grant funds will increase the capacity of SPD officers to employ community policing strategies to address causes of school crime and disorder. This grant targets increasing Police Department capacity to implement community-policing strategies within the three primary elements of community policing: 1) problem solving, 2) partnerships, and 3) organizational transformation. SPD officers will work closely with school staff and administrators to identify problems, focus on long-term solutions, gather intelligence and serve as liaisons between the school community and the Police Department. Officers have made a considerable impact in efforts to reduce crime in and around their assigned schools, but juvenile and gang-related crimes continue to be a significant concern. This federal funding will provide the financial resources necessary to work toward ensuring a safe and secure learning environment for our children.

Financial Considerations: The COPS Secure Our Schools Program (SOS) grant will fund up to 50 percent of the total grant project costs of \$927,398. The matching 50 percent of funds, or \$463,699, will not be taken from the City's General Fund, but will be supplied by the partnering school districts' funds. The Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) will pay the 50 percent match of \$221,182 toward the total project cost of \$442,364 for safety improvements to two SCUSD high school campuses. The Robla School District (RSD) will pay the 50 percent match of \$242,517 toward the total project cost of \$485,034 for safety improvements to six RSD school campuses.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
James Maccoun, Captain

Approved by: 
Rick Braziel, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

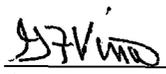

for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

Community-Oriented Policing and Problem Solving is quickly becoming the philosophy and daily practice of progressive police agencies around the world. Problem solving lies at the heart of contemporary policing, and collaborating with the community and community agencies to solve problems is an integral part of effective Community Oriented Policing. The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office has awarded the City of Sacramento Police Department (SPD) \$463,699 through the 2009 COPS Secure Our Schools Program (SOS). This grant program provides funding to local law enforcement agencies to develop partnerships with primary and secondary schools to assist with the improvement and development of school safety resources and increase law enforcement's capacity to implement community-policing strategies. SPD will be able to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment and programs to promote the development of school safety within our community. Funding will be used to help cover the cost of surveillance cameras, upgrades to door hardware, and additions and upgrades to security lighting at two schools in the Sacramento City Unified School District and at six schools in the Robla School District.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**ACCEPTING AWARD FROM THE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES
(COPS) SECURE OUR SCHOOLS PROGRAM (SOS) GRANT**

BACKGROUND

- A. The United States Department of Justice COPS Secure Our Schools Program (SOS) is a \$16 million competitive grant program designed to provide up to 50% of the necessary funding to law enforcement agencies collaborating with primary or secondary schools to assist with the development of school safety resources and provide improved security at schools and on school grounds.
- B. The City of Sacramento Police Department (SPD) has been awarded \$463,699 to establish and enhance a variety of school safety improvements and to increase their community policing capability and crime prevention efforts.
- C. As the designated award recipient, the SPD will partner with the Sacramento City Unified School District and the Robla School District. The matching 50 percent of funds, or \$463,699, will not be taken from the City's General Fund, but will be supplied by the partnering school districts' funds. The Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) will pay the 50 percent match of \$221,182 toward the total project cost of \$442,364 for safety improvements to two SCUSD high school campuses. The Robla School District (RSD) will pay the 50 percent match of \$242,517 toward the total project cost of \$485,034 for safety improvements to six RSD school campuses.

**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 apply and execute all necessary documents, including certifications, to accept \$463,699 in COPS Secure Our Schools Program (SOS) grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.