



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
April 30, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant Application: 2009 COPS Secure Our Schools Program (SOS)

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** 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 (SOS)* grant administered through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Contact: Jim Maccoun, Captain, 808-0841

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Fiscal Operations

Organization No: 11001021

Description/Analysis

Issue: On March 20, 2009, the COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) grant was opened for application. The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) is seeking approval from the City Council to submit an application to compete for this school safety federal grant in partnership with the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) and the Robla School District (RSD). This grant, if successful, will fund the establishment and enhancement of a variety of school safety efforts within the community and increase law enforcement capability to implement community oriented policing strategies. The grant application is due May 8, 2009.

If the grant application is successful, the City Council will be asked to review and consider a decision to accept any funding made available through this grant program.

Policy Considerations: Applying for and 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.

Sustainability Considerations: None

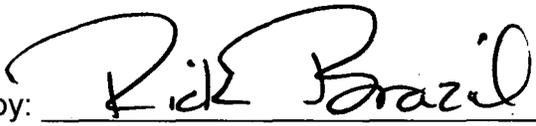
Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: The Police Department is requesting approval to compete for this Secure Our Schools Program funding to partner with the Sacramento City Unified School District and the Robla School District in seeking to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment improvements. These improvements include surveillance cameras, upgrades to door hardware, and additions and upgrades to security lighting. Sacramento Police Department officers involved in the Program, including School Resource Officers (SRO's), work closely with school staff and administrators to identify problems, focus on long-term solutions, maintain a highly visible presence, gather intelligence and serve as Liaison Officers between the school site and the Police Department. These officers will continue to employ Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving concepts to address causes of school crime and disorder. SROs 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. Federal funding will provide the financial resources necessary to help ensure a safe and secure learning environment for our children.

Financial Considerations: If the grant application is approved, the SOS grant will fund 50 percent of the total grant project costs of \$927,364. The matching 50 percent of funds, or \$463,682, 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 seven SCUSD high school campuses. The Robla School District (RSD) will pay the 50 percent match of \$242,500 toward the total project cost of \$485,000 for safety improvements to six RSD school campuses.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Jim Maccoun, Captain

Approved by: 
Rick Braziel, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

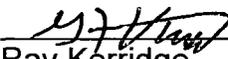

for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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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 partnering 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) is accepting applications for 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 development of school safety resources. Grant recipients will be able to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment and/or programs in order to promote the development of school safety efforts within their communities. Funding will be used to help cover the cost of security measures such as the placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; security assessments; security training of personnel and students; coordination with local law enforcement; and other measures that could significantly increase a school's security.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.
Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**APPLICATION FOR 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 funding to law enforcement agencies partnering 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 grant provides funding to law enforcement agencies and primary or secondary school partnerships to establish and enhance a variety of school safety improvements and to increase their community policing capability and crime prevention efforts.
- C. As a designated eligible applicant, the City of Sacramento Police Department will partner with the Sacramento City Unified School District and the Robla School District to compete for funding to pay 50 percent of the total grant project costs of \$927,364. The matching 50 percent of funds, or \$463,682, 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 seven SCUSD high school campuses. The Robla School District (RSD) will pay the 50 percent match of \$242,500 toward the total project cost of \$485,000 for safety improvements to six RSD school campuses.
- D. The application deadline for this grant is May 8, 2009.

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

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Sacramento to apply, and execute all necessary documents, including certifications, for \$463,682 in COPS Secure Our Schools Program (SOS) grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to establish a

grant for the SOS grant.

Section 3. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to establish the appropriate revenue and expenditure budgets to implement the \$927,264 SOS grant.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Office of the Director
1100 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

March 20, 2009

Dear Colleague:

The COPS Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the **COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) 2009** grant program. Approximately \$16 million is available in FY2009 to provide funding to law enforcement agencies to assist with the development of school safety resources and provide improved security at schools and on school grounds. Specifically, this program will fund up to 50% of the total cost to implement one or more of the following options: placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; security assessments; security training of personnel and students; coordination with local law enforcement; and/or any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security.

This program is open to all law enforcement agencies nationwide. The application process will be competitive, and as such it is recommended that interested law enforcement agencies use this time, early in the solicitation period, to contact and develop partnerships with area schools that need to enhance or improve school safety and security equipment and/or measures. As noted above, there is a 50% local cash match requirement under this grant program.

The SOS 2009 grant program application is available on-line at www.Grants.gov. To view the application and apply on-line, please go to https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms_apps_idx.html. The opportunity code for this program is **COPS-SOS-2009-1**. If you are unable to use Grants.gov, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 1.800.421.6770. To be considered for funding, completed applications must be submitted via Grants.gov no later than **May 8, 2009**.

All interested agencies should be aware that the registration process to apply for funds through Grants.gov is a multi-step process, and can take two to three weeks to complete. Agencies are strongly encouraged to begin the registration process immediately to avoid any problems or delays when submitting applications. **Please allow yourself enough time to complete the registration process under Grants.gov to ensure that you don't miss the application deadline.**

The COPS Office looks forward to working with the law enforcement agencies that apply under this program and will provide technical assistance to applicants during the solicitation process, as requested. For more information, please feel free to contact the COPS Office Response Center at 1.800.421.6770.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Quinn
Acting Director