



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
July 14, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Grant: Acceptance of California Emergency Management Services' Project Safe Neighborhood/Anti-Gang Initiative Program Grant

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** 1) authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept \$120,731 in federal grant funding through the California Emergency Management Services' Project Safe Neighborhood/Anti-Gang Initiative Program; 2) authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to establish a new grant project for the \$120,731 grant from the California Emergency Management Services' Project Safe Neighborhood/Anti-Gang Initiative program; 3) The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to adjust the necessary grant revenue and expenditure budgets to implement the \$120,731 grant from the California Emergency Management Services' Project Safe neighborhood/Anti-Gang Initiative program; 4) suspending competitive bidding in the best interests of the City for the purchase of the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) BRASSTRAX-3D ballistics analysis system; and 5) awarding a contract for the purchase of the IBIS BRASSTRAX-3D ballistics analysis system to Forensic Technology in an amount not to exceed \$141, 857.

Contact: David Johnson, Lieutenant; 808-0652

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Sacramento Police Department

Division: Office of Investigations; Major Crimes Division

Department ID: 11001221

Description/Analysis

Issue: Staff recommends adoption of the resolution to accept grant funding to improve efficiencies within the Department through the purchase of ballistics analysis equipment. This equipment would allow the comparison of shell casings found at crime scenes to those obtained through test firing of seized firearms.

Policy Considerations: Acceptance of this grant award and purchase of the ballistics system is consistent with past practices of using external funding to

enhance law enforcement efforts and community safety.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This activity 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 Sections 15321 (b) (law enforcement activities) and 15061 (b) (3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Sustainability Considerations: None

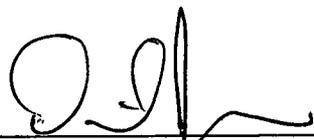
Other: None

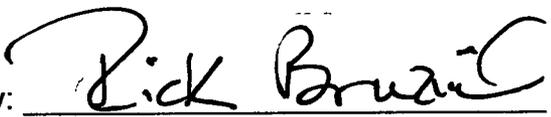
Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: These program funds relieve pressure from the General Fund, while allowing the Police Department to more fully investigate gun-related violent crimes. It is in the City's best interest to suspend competitive bidding and purchase the BRASSTRAX-3D ballistics analysis system from Forensic Technology WAI, Inc. because Forensic Technology is the only supplier of the equipment that has been approved by Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the crime lab. Without using the same technology, the crime lab would be unable to examine and verify ballistics results. The granting agency also requires that this brand of equipment be used.

Financial Considerations: The California Emergency Management Services' Project Safe Neighborhood/Anti-Gang Initiative Program grant does not require matching City funds or impact the General Fund. If acceptance of the grant funding is approved, these monies will enable the Police Department to purchase the BRASSTRAX 3-D ballistics analysis system. The cost of the equipment is \$141,857. Costs not covered by the grant from the California Emergency Management Services grant will be covered by the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant. City Council adopted a resolution to accept the COPS grant funds on June 9, 2009. The purchase of this equipment is supported by the United States Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which administers the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) program. An additional amount of approximately \$56,000 will become available to amend the original grant amount in late July; the details of which will be presented to Council in August to request authorization to accept the additional funds when it becomes available. These funds will be used to purchase test ammunition and any other incidental related supplies as necessary.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Dave Johnson, Lieutenant

Approved by: 
Rick Brazier, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

Currently, the Sacramento County Crime Lab is the sole agency responsible for the submission of evidence into the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) in Sacramento County. However, limiting criteria has been established by the crime lab which reduces the types of guns an agency may submit. This precludes submission of approximately 60% of the guns seized by the Police Department, and eliminates a large number of potential cases for investigation and subsequent prosecution. Increasing the number of guns analyzed will increase the chances of identification and prosecution of those responsible for gun-related violent crimes.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES' PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD/ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

- A. The California Emergency Management Services' Project Safe Neighborhood/Anti-Gang Initiative Program provides funding to local law enforcement agencies for public safety purposes.
- B. The Police Department plans to utilize this funding to purchase ballistic analysis equipment.
- C. It is in the City's best interest to suspend competitive bidding and purchase the BRASSTRAX-3D ballistics analysis system from Forensic Technology WAI, Inc. because (1) Forensic Technology is the only supplier of the equipment that has been approved by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the crime lab; (2) the crime lab would be unable to examine and verify ballistics results without using the same technology and 3) The granting agency requires that this brand of equipment be used.

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

- Section 1. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Sacramento to accept \$120,731 in grant funding from the California Emergency Management Services' Project Safe Neighborhood/Anti-Gang Initiative program.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to establish a new grant project for the \$120,731 grant from the California Emergency Management Services' Project Safe Neighborhood/Anti-Gang Initiative program.
- Section 3. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to adjust the necessary grant revenue and expenditure budgets to implement the \$120,731 grant from the California Emergency Management Services' Project Safe Neighborhood/Anti-Gang Initiative program.

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Section 4. In the best interests of the City, competitive bidding is hereby suspended for the purchase of the BRASSTRAX-3D ballistics analysis system from Forensic Technology WAI, Inc.

Section 5. The contract for the purchase of the BRASSTRAX-3D ballistics analysis system is awarded to Forensic Technology WAI, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$141,857.

