



# City of Sacramento City Council

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**Meeting Date:** 3/1/2011

**Report Type:** Consent

**Title:** Supplemental Grant II: Public Safety Interoperable Communications

**Report ID:** 2011-00170

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) authorizing the Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, to accept up to \$980,000 in additional grant funding, including any augmentations, extensions or amendments thereof, from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant; 2) authorizing the Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, to adjust the necessary Police Department grant expense and revenue budgets to the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant (#G11006100); 3) authorizing the Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, to act as the primary fiscal agent for the distribution of funds received from this grant and the related matching funds; and 4) authorizing the Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, to enter into agreements or memoranda of understanding, as necessary and subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, to accept the funds received from this grant and the related matching funds.

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**Presenter:**

**Department:** Police

**Division:** OES/HS

**Dept ID:** 11001411

**Attachments:**

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#### City Attorney Review

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Russell Fehr, City Treasurer

## Description/Analysis

**Issue:** In December 2007, City Council approved \$7,850,241 in funding (Resolution #2007-871) allocated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Department of Commerce to the State of California, sub-granted to the City of Sacramento, Police Department through the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program. The performance period for the grant expires June 30, 2011. In that regard, the State began reallocating unspent PSIC funds and in its first round of reallocations, awarded the Sacramento Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) an additional \$250,000 of the reallocated PSIC funds (Resolution #2010-537). The State has concluded its second round of reallocations and has awarded the Sacramento UASI, who serves as the fiscal agent for PSIC projects in the region, an additional \$350,000 in PSIC grant funds for distribution among the UASI jurisdictions and non-UASI counties throughout the region. The Sacramento UASI will enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the jurisdiction(s) that receive additional PSIC funding.

Recently, Sacramento UASI was advised by the State that it may award the Sacramento UASI another \$130,000 in PSIC grant funds. Still more grant funding may become available from the State as the time comes closer to the expiration of the grant. The grant is set to expire on June 30, 2011. Given the expiration date of the grant, if additional PSIC grant funds are allocated to Sacramento UASI, time is of the essence in utilizing the grants funds to complete PSIC projects prior the grant expiration date. Therefore, Sacramento UASI and city staff are recommending that the Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, be authorized to accept up to \$980,000 in additional PSIC grant funding, including any augmentations, extensions or amendments thereof, from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant.

**Policy Considerations:** The Sacramento UASI has previously been the recipient of grant funding to implement programs to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from critical incidents. Accepting this funding is consistent with past practices of using grant funding to increase public safety. In addition, City Council Resolution #2010-388 requires City Council approval to appropriate funding when the grant award is in excess of \$100,000.

### 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 Section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Sustainability Considerations:** Not Applicable.

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not Applicable.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** It is in the best interest of the City to accept funding from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency for purposes of the PSIC grant, and to enter into agreements with each jurisdiction that participates in the grant project for the following reasons:

- Interoperable communications are an essential component in the ability of first responders to prepare for and respond to critical incidents, including, but not limited to natural disasters and acts of terrorism.
- The PSIC grant will help foster regional interagency and cross-discipline collaboration that extends beyond the immediate Sacramento region. As such, an MOU is required between Sacramento UASI and the sub-grantee jurisdiction(s).

**Financial Considerations:** Sacramento UASI will receive up to \$350,000 in additional PSIC funding. Funding is subject to the 20 percent match requirement for PSIC. The sub-grantee jurisdiction(s) will be required to provide the match for their project(s). Resolutions from the respective governing board(s) of the participating jurisdictions will be required and must include language that confirms its commitment and ability to meet the match requirement. This grant will have no impact on the General Fund.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Purchase of supplies and equipment will be made in accordance with the City's Emerging and Small Business Development (E/SBD) program requirements whenever possible.



## Background

The United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Department of Commerce allocated funding to the State of California, Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) through the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant program. The purpose of the grant is to bolster regional interoperable communications systems and build interagency collaboration and cross discipline coordination for first responders.

Eligible sub-grantees were the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions. Sacramento UASI was assigned as the fiscal agent for its region. In December 2007, City Council accepted \$7,850,241 in PSIC funding and authorized staff to enter into agreements to distribute funds to the sub-recipient agencies that were receiving funding.

In March 2010, the State reallocated a portion of its share of PSIC funds and invited applications from the State's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions and the non-UASI counties surrounding each jurisdiction. Following its review process, the State increased the grant award for Sacramento UASI, as the fiscal agent for the region's current PSIC grant, by \$250,000 (Resolution #2010-537) to implement additional interoperable communications projects. The State has continued to reallocate unspent PSIC funding and in January 2011, notified staff of its intent to award an additional \$350,000 in PSIC funds to the Sacramento UASI.

Recently, Sacramento UASI was advised by the State that it may award the Sacramento UASI another \$130,000 in PSIC grant funds. Still more grant funding may become available from the State as the time comes closer to the expiration of the grant. The grant is set to expire on June 30, 2011. Given the expiration date of the grant, if additional PSIC grant funds are allocated to Sacramento UASI, time is of the essence in utilizing the grants funds to complete PSIC projects prior the grant expiration date. Therefore, Sacramento UASI and city staff are recommending that the Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, be authorized to accept up to \$980,000 in additional PSIC grant funding, including any augmentations, extensions or amendments thereof, from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant.

The additional funds are also subject to the 20 percent match requirement for PSIC grant. As with all the PSIC projects, the sub-grantee jurisdiction(s) will be required to provide the match for their project(s). To that end, a resolution from the respective governing board(s) of the participating jurisdiction will be required and must include language that confirms its commitment and ability to meet the match requirement. Any agency that does not meet these requirements or does not provide its share of the match will be de-funded.



## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT II: PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Department of Commerce allocated funding to the State of California, Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) through the Public Safety Interoperable Communication (PSIC) grant program. Eligible sub-grantees are the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions. The purpose of the grant is to bolster regional interoperable communications systems and build interagency collaboration and cross discipline coordination for first responders.
- B. Sacramento UASI was assigned as the fiscal agent for its region. In December 2007, City Council accepted \$7,850,241 in PSIC funding (Resolution #2007-871) and authorized staff to enter into agreements to distribute funds to the ten participating sub-recipient agencies that were receiving funding.
- C. In March 2010, the State reallocated a portion of its share of PSIC funds and invited applications from the State's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions and the non-UASI counties surrounding each jurisdiction. Following its review process, the State increased the grant award for Sacramento UASI, as the fiscal agent for the region's current PSIC grant, by \$250,000 and City Council accepted the award (Resolution #2010-537) which allowed the sub-recipient agencies to implement additional interoperable communications projects.
- D. During a second round of reallocations, the State increased the PSIC grant award for the Sacramento UASI by another \$350,000 to build upon the region's current PSIC projects. Recently, Sacramento UASI was advised by the State that it may award the Sacramento UASI another \$130,000 in PSIC grant funds. Still more grant funding may become available from the State as the time comes closer to the expiration of the grant. The grant is set to expire on June 30, 2011. Given the expiration date of the grant, if additional PSIC grant funds are allocated to Sacramento UASI, time is of the essence in utilizing the grants funds to complete PSIC projects prior the grant expiration date. Therefore, Sacramento UASI and city staff are recommending that the Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, be authorized to accept up to \$980,000 in additional PSIC grant funding, including any augmentations, extensions or amendments thereof, from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant.

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

- Section 1. The Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, is authorized to accept up to \$980,000 in additional grant funding, including any augmentations, extensions or amendments thereof, from the State of California, Emergency Management Agency for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant.
- Section 2. The Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, is authorized to adjust the necessary Police Department grant expense and revenue budgets to the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant (#G11006100).
- Section 3. The Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, is authorized to act as the primary fiscal agent for the distribution of funds received from this grant and the related matching funds.
- Section 4. The Interim City Manager, or the Interim City Manager's designee, is authorized to enter into agreements or memoranda of understanding to accept Public Safety Interoperable Communications funding.