



REPORT TO COUNCIL 15

City of Sacramento

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Consent
November 9, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant: COPS 2006 Secure Our Schools Grant

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing acceptance of \$346,575 in grant funding from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and 2) increasing the Police Department's Grant Operating and Grant Revenue budgets in the amount of \$346,575.

Contact: James Maccoun, Lieutenant, 808-0866

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Fiscal/Economic Development

Organization No: 2112

Description/Analysis

Issue: Public safety radios do not function adequately in some middle and high school buildings in the City of Sacramento. The Office of COPS, U.S. DOJ, has granted \$346,575 in funding to the Police Department through the Secure Our Schools grant, which runs from September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2008. The Police Department is requesting approval to accept and use these grant funds to help purchase and install equipment to mitigate the safety risk to students, staff, police officers, and first responders with regard to incidents on school campuses.

Policy Considerations: Accepting this funding is consistent with past practices of using grant funding to increase law enforcement and community safety. In the event of a violent incident, fire, medical call, or emergency shelter activation, the ability of first-responders to communicate with dispatchers and each other is critical in order to locate, isolate and resolve the issue as safely and quickly as possible.

Environmental Considerations: 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 15601(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Rationale for Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the resolution to accept grant funding to supply radio communications system enhancements that will allow public safety radios to operate inside school facilities where sufficient radio coverage does not presently exist. The current disruption in radio communications, identified through the School Resource Officer Program, puts students, staff, police officers, and first responders at risk in the event of a critical incident.

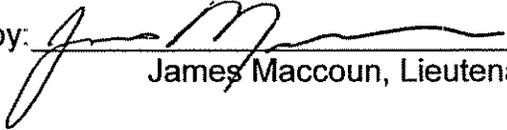
State law does not require remedial measures to improve these systems. Currently, staff is working on a proposal for Council's future consideration that will update the Sacramento City Code to ensure that new buildings have equipment allowing for sufficient reception; however, this requirement would not apply retroactively to schools.

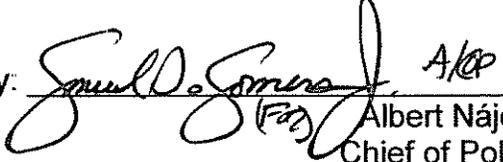
Financial Considerations: The total allocation of U.S. DOJ COPS Secure Our Schools grant funding is \$346,575. These funds will be used to purchase and install information technology upgrades and improvements to the public safety radio coverage in selected school facilities having immediate need. Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to establish related revenue and expenditure budgets for the grant funds.

The COPS 2006 Secure Our Schools grant requires a City match of the project expenses for a total of \$346,575. These funds will not be taken from the City's General Fund, but will be supplied by Police Department State Citizens Option for Public Safety grant funds approved by the City Council in Resolution 2006-414 on June 8, 2006. Total expenditures, including grant and local match:

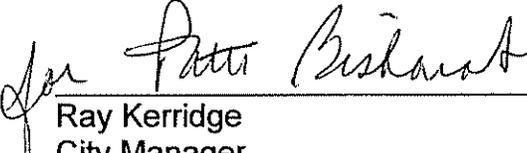
<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment	\$237,920
Supplies	51,650
Consultants/Contractors	403,580
TOTAL	\$693,150

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

Respectfully Submitted by: 
James Maccoun, Lieutenant

Approved by:  A/CP
Albert Nájera
Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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ATTACHMENT 1

Background:

Over the past several years, the City established partnerships with two school districts (Sacramento City Unified School District and Natomas Unified School District) for School Resource Officers (SROs). Subsequently, SROs discovered that public safety radios do not work in some of the school buildings at secondary and middle schools. Because the 800 MHz radio coverage within several school buildings is poor to nonexistent, the disruption in radio communication puts students, staff, and police officers at risk in the event of a critical incident.

The generally accepted method of mitigating poor in-building radio coverage is the installation of a bi-directional amplifier (BDA) system, often referred to as a signal booster. This program will install BDAs in selected schools where in-building radio communications are poor or nonexistent. Since Police, Fire and Emergency Medical agencies in the Sacramento area all use the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) 800 MHz system, the BDA's will benefit all agencies.

Federal assistance is needed to implement the Secure Our Schools Program. This proposal requests grant funding assistance to help purchase equipment that will provide radio coverage in school buildings having immediate need. Federal assistance also supports the region's interoperability strategy, whose chief goal is to enhance the ability to provide mutual aid and support for Homeland Security efforts. Additionally, City school buildings are used during emergencies to house displaced residents. Ensuring communication interoperability during emergencies such as storms, floods or other disasters is critical for first-responder communication.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

November 9, 2006

ACCEPTANCE OF THE COPS 2006 SECURE OUR SCHOOLS GRANT

BACKGROUND

- A. The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), United States Department of Justice, which provides funding to local law enforcement agencies for public safety purposes, has awarded \$346,575 in funding to the Sacramento Police Department through the COPS 2006 Secure Our Schools grant. The grant period began on September 1, 2006 and runs through August 31, 2008.
- B. Acceptance of the grant requires a 50% City match of \$346,575, which will be supplied by Police Department State Citizens Option for Public Safety grant funds approved by Council in Resolution 2006-414 on June 8, 2006.
- C. The Police Department will use this funding for enhancements to the radio communications system to allow public safety radios to operate inside school facilities where sufficient radio coverage does not presently exist.

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 accept Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, United States Department of Justice funds in the amount of \$346,575, execute documents necessary to accept such funds, including any extensions or amendments thereto, and to use this funding for enhancements to the radio communications system in selected middle and secondary schools.

Section 2. The Police Department Grant Operating Expense and Revenue budgets will be amended as follows:

Grant Revenue Budget:

255-OGR-GXXX-3513	Grant Revenue Budget	<u>\$346,575</u>
TOTAL GRANT REVENUE		\$346,575

Grant Expenditure Budget:

255-OGR-GXXX-41XX	Labor (Consultants/Contractors)	\$403,580
255-OGR-GXXX-44XX	Equipment	237,920
255-OGR-GXXX-44XX	Supplies	<u>51,650</u>
	SUBTOTAL EXPENSES	\$693,150
255-OGR-GXXX-4333	Grant Match	<u>(346,575)</u>
	TOTAL GRANT EXPENDITURE	\$346,575

