



REPORT TO COUNCIL 20

City of Sacramento

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Staff Report
December 4, 2007

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

Title: Grant: Public Safety Interoperable Communications Project

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** 1) accepting up to \$7,850,241 in grant funding from the US Department of Homeland Security and up to a cumulative total of \$ 1,717,560 in matching funds from the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) and non-SRRCS members; 2) increasing the Police Department's Grant Operating and Grant Revenue budgets by \$9,567,801; 3) authorizing the Chief of Police, or his authorized designee, to act as the primary fiscal agent for the distribution of the funds received from this grant and the related matching funds 4) authorizing the City Manager, Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police to enter into agreements or memoranda of understanding, as necessary and subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, to accept and distribute the funds received from this grant and the related matching funds.

Contact: Milt Nenneman, Lieutenant, 874-2176.

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Homeland Security

Organization No: 2177

Description/Analysis

Issue: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Commerce allocated funding to the State of California through the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Program. Eligible sub-grantees are the State's six Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) jurisdictions, of which, the Sacramento UASI may receive up to \$3,845,342 in grant funding. The non-UASI counties surrounding the Sacramento UASI are eligible for PSIC funding as well in the amount up to \$4,004,899. The purpose of the three-year grant project is to bolster regional interoperable communication systems and build interagency collaboration and cross discipline coordination for first responders. Both the UASI and non-UASI projects were required to be submitted in the same grant application. Because agencies throughout the central California region will participate in and benefit from the grant project, the Sacramento UASI will enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with each participating sub-recipient jurisdiction that receives funding.

Policy Considerations: The Sacramento UASI has previously been the recipient of grant funding to implement programs to prevent, protect, respond and recover from critical incidents. Applying for, and receiving, PSIC grant funding and entering into the agreements and MOUs between participating agencies are consistent with the City's identified strategic planning focus areas of Public Safety, and Sustainability and Livability. Due to the short application period, staff was unable to request Council permission before applying for the grant.

Environmental Considerations: Staff's recommendation concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project," as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(4)].

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: It is in the best interest of the City to seek funding from the State of California, Office of Homeland Security for purposes of the PSIC grant, and to enter into agreements with each jurisdiction that participates in the grant project for the following reasons:

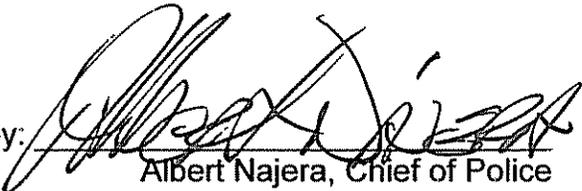
- Interoperable communications are an essential component in the ability of first responders to prepare for and respond to critical incidents, including, but not limited to natural disasters or acts of terrorism.
- The PSIC grant will help provide resources that will allow the Sacramento region to continue its migration to the P-25 federal standard for radio communication systems. Presently, the region's system, midway through its lifecycle, is managed by the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) Consortium. The SRRCS has estimated that it will cost approximately \$60 million to achieve full interoperability with the region's radio communication system. External funding opportunities such as the PSIC help fund the regional planning effort, offset the infrastructure and equipment costs, and allow for a gradual migration.
- The PSIC grant will foster regional interagency and cross-discipline collaboration that extends beyond those groups that are participants in the Sacramento UASI and the SRRCS. As such, an MOU is required between Sacramento UASI and the sub-grantee jurisdictions.

Financial Considerations: The PSIC total project cost is \$9,567,801. Of that total, 20% of eligible projects (or \$1,717,560) must be through matching funds. The SRRCS Consortium has agreed to provide the matching funds for its member agencies, which includes the City of Sacramento. Non- SRRCS members will also be required to provide a 20% match on eligible projects. As such, resolutions from the respective

governing boards of each participating jurisdiction will be required and must include language that confirms its commitment to meet the individual match requirement.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Milt Nenneman, Lieutenant

Approved by: 
Albert Najera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Background

The Sacramento Region has previously been the recipient of several grant awards for purposes of improving interoperability for voice and data radio communication systems. The region's system, managed by the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System Consortium (SRRCS), which includes the City of Sacramento as a member, is in the midst of a migration from its current analog system to one that is fully digital and compliant with federal standards.

The Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant will help offset the estimated cost of achieving full interoperability for the region's radio system. The grant will provide for the acquisition and deployment of equipment, training, and planning and coordination of grant activities.

The three-year PSIC grant requires a 20 percent match (some projects are exempt from the required 20% match) and will be implemented in collaboration with member agencies from Sacramento UASI, SRRCS, Yolo County, Placer County, Alpine County, Calaveras County, San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, and Tuolumne County. The SRRCS will provide the match for its member agencies. Non-SRRCS members, from the participating seven counties, will also be required to provide a 20% match. As such, resolutions from the respective governing boards of each participating jurisdiction will be required and must include language that confirms its commitment to meet the individual 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

AGREEMENT: PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

BACKGROUND

- A. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Commerce allocated funding to the State of California through the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Program. Eligible sub-grantees are the State's six Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) jurisdictions, of which, the Sacramento UASI may receive up to \$3.85 million in grant funding and the surrounding non-UASI counties may receive up to \$4.1 million.
- B. The purpose of the three-year grant project is to bolster regional interoperable communications systems and build interagency collaboration and cross discipline coordination for first responders. This grant represents one of many efforts underway that will move the Sacramento region's voice and data communications systems toward achieving full interoperability.
- C. Agencies throughout the Sacramento region will participate in and benefit from the grant project. As such, the Sacramento UASI will act as fiscal agent for the PSIC grant and will enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with each participating sub-recipient jurisdiction that receives funding.

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 up to \$7,850,241 in grant funding from the US Department of Homeland Security and up to a cumulative total of \$ 1,717,560 in matching funds from the Sacramento Regional Radio Communications System (SRRCS) and non-SRRCS members.
- Section 2. The Police Department's Grant Operating Expense and Revenue budgets shall be amended as follows:

Grant Revenue Budget:

255-OGR-GXXX-3513	Grant Revenue Budget	\$ 7,850,241
255-OGR-GXXX-3598	SRRCS & non-SRRCS applicants	\$ 1,717,560
	TOTAL GRANT REVENUE	\$ 9,567,801

Grant Expenditure Budget:

255-OGR-GXXX-41XX	Equipment	\$ 8,232,294
255-OGR-GXXX-41XX	Consulting	\$ 980,000
255-OGR-GXXX-44XX	Supplies	\$ 0
255-OGR-GXXX-4XXX	Other	\$ 355,507
TOTAL GRANT EXPENDITURE		\$ 9,567,801

Section 3. The Chief of Police, or his authorized designee, is authorized to act as the primary fiscal agent for the distribution of the funds received from this grant and the related matching funds.

Section 4. The City Manager, Chief of Police, and Deputy Chief of Police are individually authorized to enter into agreements or memoranda of understanding, as necessary and subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, to accept and distribute the funds received from this grant and the related matching funds.