

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Police Department
Date: September 12, 2006

Re: A Report and Proposed Resolution Amending Resolution No. 79764 C.M.S. Authorizing the Acceptance and Appropriation of Grant Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-Three Dollars (\$366,523) from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, to Support Frontline Policing Services by Providing Supplemental Funding for Implementation of the In-Car Video Management System in the Police Department

SUMMARY

Resolution No. 79764 C.M.S. authorized the City Administrator to accept and appropriate \$366,523 in Justice Assistance Grant funds to support front line law enforcement by providing funding for DNA Analysts in the Police Department's Criminalistics Division. This report and proposed resolution shall amend Resolution No. 79764 C.M.S. to facilitate the redesignation of the Justice Assistance Grant funds to support frontline policing services by providing supplemental funding for implementation of the In-Car Video Management System. The proposed program period is July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed amended resolution authorizes the appropriation of \$366,523 in federal grant funds to supplement costs associated with the Department's implementation of the In-Car Video Management System. Revenues and appropriations will be allocated in the Federal Grant Fund: 2112, Bureau of Administration Org.: 106110, Bureau of Administration Program Code: PS01, in a Project Account to be determined. Referenced below is the proposed spending plan for the Department's In-Car Video Management System (**pending City Council approval**):

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Source of Funds	Funding Amount
2006 Justice Assistance Grant	366,523
State of California, Citizen's Options for Public Safety Grant Program (State COPS X)	65,477
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 2005 Technology Grant Program	98,664
Interest on the Equipment Master Lease Purchase Agreement	900,000
City Council Budget Surplus Allocation	507,000
Total:	\$1,937,664

Interest earned on the federal portion of the grant must be appropriated to the JAG program and expended in accordance with the approved spending plan. The proposed resolution includes a request for the City Council to appropriate the interest earned to the JAG Project Account.

BACKGROUND

Task 32 of the Negotiated Settlement Agreement directed staff to explore the possibility of implementing an in-car video system. In 2004, Oakland's Public Safety Committee authorized the Police Department to implement a demonstration project whereby vendors installed cameras in six police vehicles for a 95-day period at no cost to the City. During this period, 74 Police Officers used the camera-equipped vehicles. Prior to the start of the demonstration project, 15 of the 74 Police Officers (20%) received a total of 18 Internal Affairs complaints. During the demonstration period, none of the Police Officers received complaints while using the camera-equipped vehicles; however, during the demonstration period, 15 of the 74 officers who were not driving camera-equipped vehicles received a total of 15 complaints. As a result of the success of the demonstration, the Department was directed to pursue the permanent installation of an in-car video system.

After an extensive Request for Proposal process which included site visits, demonstrations, and reference checks, the In-Car Video Management System Steering Committee selected Digital Patroller as the vendor for this project. Digital Patroller, also known as Integrian/DP Technologies, one of three companies that provided the equipment used in the demonstration

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project, has extensive experience with in-car camera technology. Additionally, DP has been designated to work with local businesses and contractors to successfully implement this project.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The amended resolution requests approval to redesignate the use of JAG 2006 grant funds. The Department originally requested City Council authorization to utilize these grant funds to ensure one year of additional employment retention for DNA Analysts (Criminalists) in the Criminalistics Division. However, the Police Department has identified funds within its General Purpose Fund budget to facilitate these expenses. The Department is subsequently requesting authorization to use JAG program funds to supplement costs associated with implementation of the In-Car Video Management System.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The In-Car Video Management System is a tool for providing an objective record of interactions with the community, and protection for both police officers and citizens. There are three primary elements associated with the ICVMS that allow for the capture, transfer and storage of video imagery.

- **In-Car Data Capture System** is the actual digital video recorder that is unobtrusively mounted inside the vehicle and consists of a high quality 18x optical zoom color camera, an LCD Monitor/Control Panel user interface, and wireless microphone. The camera and monitor are mounted near the headliner of the vehicle, where data is routed to the heart of the system. The DigitalPatroller[®] unit itself is small enough to be mounted under the dash, between the seats, or in the trunk of the vehicle. The unit stores all information as digital computer files on hard drives instead of on tape. DigitalPatroller[®] essentially operates in the background. An officer can completely ignore the system if he or she so chooses and it will operate normally and effectively throughout their shift, and can store up to 40 hours of full resolution video before its files need to be uploaded into permanent storage. The system records the standard items: video, audio, date/time, vehicle ID, and radar, and offers GPS capability.
- **Data Transfer System** is a fully automated means of transferring the captured video files to a server which is located at a designated area of the agency. Officers and supervisors never handle the data files. At the end of a typical shift, the officer will plug in the data transfer cable located at the rear of the car and verify that DigitalPatroller[®] uploaded the files and reset itself for normal operation.

- **Data Storage & Retrieval System** is a standard computer workstation that features powerful data management tools to efficiently manage files. It keeps the database organized and can instantly search using multiple criteria. DPPlayer[®] software displays files along with all of the additional data streams (GPS location data, date and time, radar information, and officer and unit IDs). Digital Investigator permits the enlargement and sharpening of scenes without altering the original file, and the video transfer function allows for the effortless transfer a file to videotape, CD-ROM, or DVD with or without overlays of any combination of the additional data streams.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

The greatest economy of savings will be realized in the potential for significant reduction in liability claims and payouts.

Environmental

There are no environmental issues associated with this report.

Social Equity

The Police Department's use of the In-Car Video Management System could dramatically reduce the number of lawsuits levied against the City of Oakland. The system will also provide strong evidentiary information relative to Police Officer conduct.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues contained in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

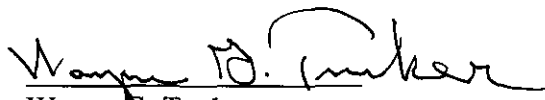
The Oakland Police Department recommends that the City Council amend Resolution No. 79764 C.M.S. and authorize the City Administrator to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$366,523 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, to provide supplemental funding for implementation of the In-Car Video Management System, and appropriate said funds to the Police Department.

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the amended resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

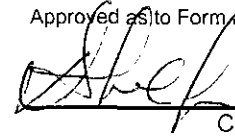

Wayne G. Tucker
Chief of Police

Prepared by: Candice Jessie
Budget and Grants Administrator
Bureau of Administration

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

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CLERK**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**
City Attorney2006 AUG 30 11:21 AM
RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 79764 C.M.S. AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$366,523) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM, TO SUPPORT FRONTLINE POLICING SERVICES BY PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IN-CAR VIDEO MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, provides funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program to units of local government for the purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2006, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 79764 C.M.S. authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to accept \$366,523 in JAG program funds for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 to continue the employment of three Criminalists in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has identified funds within its General Purpose Fund budget to facilitate the continued employment of the three Criminalists; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is requesting an amendment to Resolution No. 79764 C.M.S. to provide supplemental funding for implementation of the In-Car Video Management system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed spending plan will facilitate the City Council's goal of crime reduction through City-wide community policing and other strategies; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Resolution No. 79764 C.M.S. is hereby amended to ensure support for frontline policing services by providing supplemental funding for the implementation of the In-Car Video Management System; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$366,523 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to be allocated to the Federal Grant Fund: 2112, Bureau of Administration Org.: 102610, Bureau of Administration Program: PS01, in a Project Account to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That grant funds received for the JAG program shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the City of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council accepts and authorizes the appropriation of the interest earned on the federal portion of the grant funds to the JAG Grant Fund to augment the approved spending plan; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby appoints the City Administrator as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, applications, agreements, and related actions which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned grant and funding agreements.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California