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AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Police Department
Date: October 9, 2007

Re: A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, on Behalf of the City of Oakland, to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, Serving as the Fiscal Agent for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program as Administered Through the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California and the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in Support of the Oakland Police Department's Criminalistics Division

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, serving as the fiscal agent for Project Safe Neighborhoods grant program. The funds will be used in support of the Police Department's Criminalistics Division, Firearms Unit. The proposed program period is October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the proposed resolution will authorize the application, acceptance and appropriation of a State of California, Office of Emergency Services grant for the Police Department's Project Safe Neighborhoods project from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Funding will be appropriated to the State of California, Office of Emergency Services Grant Fund (2999); Criminalistics Division Org. (102610); Criminalistics Division Program (PS05), in a Project Account to be determined. The program shall be managed by the Manager of the Criminalistics Division. There is no matching fund requirement. Funds will be allocated as follows:

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Description and Use of Funds	Amount
Workstations and Ergonomic Chairs (4 @ \$5,000/ea)	20,000
Comparison Microscope (1 @ \$70,000/ea)	70,000
Blackout Curtains (7 @ \$1,000/ea)	7,000
LCD Screen Monitors (3 @ \$500/ea – including sales tax)	1,500
Canon Rebel XTi Digital SLR Camera (10.0 Megapixel) (2 @ \$690/ea – including sales tax)	1,500
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,000

BACKGROUND

For the second consecutive year, the Police Department has been awarded funds from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services (OES), Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program. The OES is an administering agent for the U.S. Department of Justice, Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program. PSN is a nationwide network designed to create safer neighborhoods through the reduction of gun violence and gun crime by providing funds to local law enforcement agencies and other public safety partners. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office in each of the nation's federal judicial districts. In 2002, the PSN Task Force for the Northern District of California was formed. The Task Force subsequently identified five (5) target communities in which to focus strategic planning and accountability components aligned with the U.S. Department of Justice's PSN objectives. The target communities are Oakland, Richmond, San Francisco, San Jose, and Salinas.

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Since 2003, the Police Department's Homicide Task Force has worked collaboratively with the PSN Task Force to address gun and gang violence, as well as homicides in Oakland. The Department also relies heavily on partnerships with the California Department of Corrections – State Parole Division, the Alameda County Probation Department, and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office to carry out targeted enforcement efforts to reduce gun violence.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Firearms Unit is an integral part of the Police Department's Criminalistics Division, assuming a significant role in assisting with intelligence gathering and prosecution of firearm related crimes. Firearms evidence is examined and entered into the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) evidence database and the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN).

Since its inception in 1995, the use of NIBIN by the Criminalistics Division has resulted in 195 "hits", or linkages to crimes perpetrated in Oakland to other crimes cited nationally. During 2006, 400 requests for firearm-related examinations were completed by the Firearms Unit and over 300 seized firearms were examined, test-fired, and entered into the NIBIN database. Of the 400 NIBIN service requests, 75 "hits" were established, resulting in a 23 percent "hit rate". On average, more than 1,000 firearms are seized each year.

For the period ended December 2006, 72 percent of all homicides in Oakland were committed with the use of a firearm (handgun). Considering an average NIBIN "hit rate" of 15 percent, the Department can potentially achieve 15 to 23 additional investigative firearm related links each year. PSN grant funds will provide enhanced capabilities to examine and document evidence through the purchase of a microscope, digital camera, and other laboratory accessories. Funds will also be used to purchase workstation equipment to improve the physical plant used by the examiners.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

Supplies and equipment used for the projects will, whenever possible, be purchased locally.

Environmental

There are no environmental opportunities identified in this report.

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Social Equity

Services provided will assist the community through improved police services.

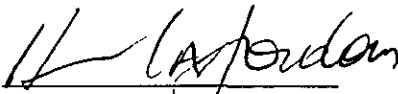
DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

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

RECOMMENDATION

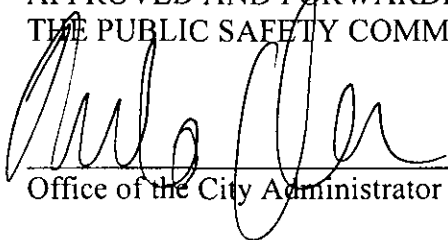
The Oakland Police Department recommends that the City Council approve the proposed resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, and appropriate said funds to the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,


For Wayne G. Tucker
Chief of Police

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Bureau of Administration

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

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Rocio Ojeda
City Attorney

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, SERVING AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, IN SUPPORT OF THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINALISTICS DIVISION

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that grant funds in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) will be received from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, Project Safe Neighborhoods grant program, in support of the Police Department's Criminalistics Division's Firearms Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant funds are to be used to expand law enforcement efforts to address gun violence through the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the PSN grant funds shall assist in improving the Firearms Unit's ability to examine and document evidence through the acquisition of specialized equipment and workstation enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized acceptance of similar grant funds by Resolution No. 79644 C.M.S., dated December 20, 2005; now, therefore be it

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 \$100,000 from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services, to be allocated to the State of California, Office of Emergency Services Grant Fund (2999): Criminalistics Division Org. (102610); Criminalistics Division Program (PS05), in a Project Account to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend the grant award.

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