

CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Police Department
Date: February 13, 2007

Subj.: **A Report, Public Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution Implementing California Government Code Sections 30061-30065 and Appropriating Eight Hundred and One Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$801,427) in Eleventh Year Funding for the State of California, "Citizen's Options for Public Safety" (State COPS) Grant to the Police Department, and Approving the Fiscal Year 2006-2008 Spending Plan**

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to accept and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$801,427 from the State of California, "Citizen's Options for Public Safety" (State COPS) grant program, to the Police Department. The resolution, prepared pursuant to California Government Code Sections 30061-30065, also seeks approval for the Department to allocate the State COPS funds pursuant to the spending plan referenced below. The proposed program period is October 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Department received \$801,427 in State COPS grant funds on a pass-through from the County of Alameda. The entire grant amount, plus accrued interest, is restricted by statute for use associated with front line law enforcement. Under existing law, the Chief of Police is required to submit a spending plan and conduct a public hearing prior to the City Council's acceptance and appropriation of the \$801,427 (plus interest earned) in additional funding.

Approval of the proposed resolution will authorize the application, acceptance and appropriation of State of California, "Citizen's Options for Public Safety" (State COPS) grant for the eleventh year program, beginning October 1, 2006, in the amount of \$801,427 (plus accrued interest). Funding will be appropriated in the State of California Grant Fund (2158), Bureau of Administration Org. (106110), Bureau of Administration Program (PS01), in a Project to be determined. There is no matching fund requirement.

The appropriation is wholly in addition to the General Fund budget and cannot be used to supplant City funding. Proposed expense allocations are as follows:

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Description and Use of Funds	Amount
Field-Based Reporting System (In-Car/Mobile Laptop computers for OPD Patrol Officers)	\$718,467
TeleStaff Computer System	\$43,910
Computer Hardware, Software, and Other Public Safety Supplies and Equipment	\$39,050
Total:	\$801,427

BACKGROUND

For the eleventh consecutive year, the State Legislature has authorized supplemental funding for front-line law enforcement through the State COPS grant program. Funds are received by the Alameda County treasury and distributed to local jurisdictions through the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

In past years the Department has designated State COPS grant funds mostly for equipment, training, and contract services for front line law enforcement. The majority of the funding was appropriated to increase and enhance crime prevention services and to fund special crime suppression projects. A narrative overview of the spending plan proposed by the Chief of Police, Director of Administration, and Deputy Chiefs of Police for the State COPS XI award of \$801,427 (plus earned interest) is outlined below:

Spending Plan

Field-Based Reporting - \$718,467

“In times of emergencies, the public looks to government, particularly their Public Safety officials, to act swiftly and correctly and do the things which must be done to save lives, help the injured, and restore order. Whether a vehicle accident, crime, plane crash, special event, or any other Public Safety activity, one of the major components of responding to and mitigating a public safety emergency is wireless communications. These wireless communications systems are critical to Public Safety agencies’ abilities to protect lives and property, and the welfare of Public Safety officials.”¹

¹ SAFECOM – The SAFECOM Program – Department of Homeland Security, Statement of Requirements for Public Safety Wireless Communications, March 2004

In the wake of the September 11th attacks, increased responsibility has been placed on Police Officers relative to public safety services. The City of Oakland and the Police Department must be able to provide its frontline Police Officers with the tools necessary to gather and process criminal data without physical limitations. The Department must also be able to verify and analyze critical data elements in the field; with said data then being transmitted back to officers and other frontline first responders through a high-speed wireless network.

Through implementation of the Police Department's Field-Based Reporting program, all of the Department's patrol vehicles shall be equipped with mobile laptop computers. Public safety applications running on these computers will provide mobile access to functions which will improve Police Officers' overall efficiency by delivering direct access to database information in the field. Officers will be able to complete name checks, license checks, and query wants and warrants information. Further, the Mobile Data Application(s) implemented and utilized through the Field-Based Reporting program will provide dispatch call information directly to each Officer in his/her patrol vehicle; subsequently improving efficiency, increasing public visibility, minimizing radio traffic and enhancing Officer safety.

TeleStaff Computer System - \$43,910

A portion of the grant funds will be used to purchase 350 additional TeleStaff membership (user) licenses, and cover annual service and support fees associated with the technological system. The Department's TeleStaff was first introduced in 2006, and is designed to manage staffing (e.g., deployment and overtime) tasks, which will reduce the amount of time sworn supervisory personnel need to devote to administrative paperwork.

Computer Hardware, Software, and Other Public Safety Supplies and Equipment - \$39,050

The Police Department has no baseline budget to replace aging computer and electronic systems, inclusive of hardware, software, and other related public safety supplies. State COPS funds will be used for these purposes, all of which are aligned with, and shall be utilized for, front line law enforcement services.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

Crime prevention activities funded by this spending plan will have a positive impact on property values and business opportunities. All equipment included in the spending plan will, whenever possible, be purchased locally.

Environmental

There are no environmental issues associated with this report.

Social Equity

The services provided through this initiative will assist the community through improved police services and enhanced police-community relations.

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 authorize the City Administrator to accept State COPS XI grant funds in the amount of \$801,427, approve the proposed spending plan, and appropriate said funds to the Police Department.

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

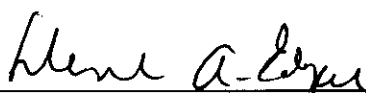
Staff requests that the City Council adopt the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chief of Police

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Budget and Grants Administrator
Bureau of Administration

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


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Rozio V. Diaro
City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

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Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 30061-30065 AND APPROPRIATING EIGHT HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$801,427) IN ELEVENTH YEAR FUNDING FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, "CITIZEN'S OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY" (STATE COPS) GRANT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2008 SPENDING PLAN

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has allocated \$801,427 in pass through funding for the State of California "Citizen's Options for Public Safety " (State COPS) grant to be distributed through the Alameda County Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund to supplement, not supplant, existing local law enforcement funding; and

WHEREAS, the Government Code requires that the Chief of Police request the local jurisdiction's legislative body to appropriate said funds solely for front line law enforcement services in accordance with the Chief's spending plan; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 30062(d) defines front-line law enforcement services to include community crime prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the sum of \$801,427 in FY 2006-2008 State COPS funds received must be allocated in accordance with the State COPS XI spending plan; and

WHEREAS, the requested State COPS XI spending plan was discussed and public comment was allowed at the public hearing conducted on February 20, 2007, prior to passage of this resolution; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council does hereby implement the provisions of the California Government Code by accepting and increasing estimated revenues and appropriations to the Police Department by \$801,427 in State COPS funds, plus accrued interest earnings, in accordance with the spending plan and discussed at a public hearing prior to passage of the enabling legislation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That revenues and appropriations will be allocated to the State of California Grant Fund (2158), Bureau of Administration Org. (106110), Bureau of Administration Program (PS01), in a Project Account to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Bureau of Administration shall provide all required reports regarding the State COPS funds, as specified in the California Government Code; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator as agent of the City, or her designee, to execute all agreements and other documents necessary in connection with the grant and complete any negotiations, certifications, and documentation required to accept, modify, extend, or amend the grant award provided no additional funds will be allocated without prior City Council approval.

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