



CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Steven Falk
Interim City Administrator

FROM: Darren Allison
Acting Chief of Police

SUBJECT: State of California Citizens Options for
Public Safety (COPS) Front-line Law
Enforcement Grant Fiscal Year 2023

DATE: March 29, 2023

City Administrator Approval

Date: Mar 30, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator, To Accept And Appropriate The Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 State Of California "Citizens Options For Public Safety " (State COPS Grant XXV) Allocation In The Amount Not To Exceed Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars (\$665,579) To Fund Body Armor For The SWAT Team, Helicopter Maintenance, Records Division Workstations, Micro TraumaPak Kits, Medical Training Supplies And Equipment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) has been awarded \$655,579 plus approximately \$10,000 in accrued interest by the State of California Legislature for the FY 2023 Citizens' Option for Public Safety (State COPS Grant XXV). State COPS Grant funds are distributed to each county for distribution to cities to support front-line law enforcement, based on a population size distribution formula. OPD is seeking approval to use its front-line law enforcement grant allocation to fund heavy-duty body armor for the SWAT Team, helicopter maintenance, to refurbish Records Division workstations, obtain Micro TraumaPak kits, medical training supplies and equipment.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

For the 25th consecutive year, the State Legislature has authorized supplemental funding of front-line law enforcement through the State COPS and Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Grant program. In 2022, 50 percent of the grant funds were allocated to counties to spend on juvenile justice work, 39.7 percent of grant funds were allocated separately for front-line law enforcement, and 10.3 percent of funds were allocated to county sheriffs and district attorneys.

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April 11, 2023

As in past years, the entire 2023 grant amount and accrued interest is restricted by statute for front-line law enforcement expenses. Examples of "front-line law enforcement" include personnel and equipment (i.e., officer training, vehicles, officer equipment), which are utilized in everyday contact with the public. OPD has used past State COPS grant funds for a variety of allowed uses, such as:

- Vehicle purchases and upgrades
- Anti-human trafficking operations (personnel)
- Ceasefire operations (personnel)
- Equipment and equipment maintenance
- Software and technology upgrades
- Other personnel and training needs

The grant program is a supplemental funding source for local governments. There is no guarantee that this will be a continued funding source in future fiscal years. Per the COPS legislation, Assembly Bill (AB) 1913, funds are received by the Alameda County Treasury and distributed to local jurisdictions through the Law Enforcement Services Account within the Local Revenue Fund 2011.

In the past six years, the City Council has approved several resolutions to accept and appropriate State COPS Grants: [Grant XXIV via Resolution No. 88959 C.M.S.](#), [Grant XXIII via Resolution No. 88402 C.M.S.](#), [Grant XXII via Resolution 87938 C.M.S.](#), [Grant XXI via Resolution No. 87819 C.M.S.](#), [Grant XX via Resolution No. 87138 C.M.S.](#), and [Grant XIX via Resolution No. 86530 C.M.S.](#)

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The Citywide priorities advanced by this recommended policy action are **1) holistic community safety and 2) responsive, trustworthy government**. The services provided through this initiative will assist the community through improved policing services, which benefit all Oakland residents and visitors. The areas which are most under-resourced are also disproportionately impacted by crime. Medical supplies, repair and maintenance for the helicopters, and improved records equipment are crucial for consistent and reliable police response to calls for services and to render aid once at crime scenes.

The Oakland Police Department is seeking City Council approval to accept and appropriate State COPS XXV funds per the spending plan below.

Body Armor for the SWAT Team: \$175,000

Funds will be used to purchase updated heavy duty body armor for OPD's SWAT Team members to assist in decreasing the threat of firearms and provide additional protection for officers working in the field.

Helicopter Repairs/Maintenance: \$300,000

Funds will be used for ongoing maintenance for OPD's helicopters which are over 30 years old and require frequent upkeep and repairs exceeding the current allocation from the General Purpose Fund.

Refurbishing Records Division Workstations and Equipment: \$50,579

Funds will be used to refurbish the Records Division workstations with partitions and desk storage units as well as file cabinets for recordkeeping.

Customized Micro TraumaPak Kits, Medical Training Supplies/Equipment: \$130,000

Funds will be used to purchase Micro TraumaPak kits, medical training supplies and equipment. These items are necessary for officers to utilize in the field for trauma and medical call incidents. The supplies include but are not limited to battle wraps, trauma shears, medical gloves, and hyfin chest seals. Additional medical gear, training supplies and equipment will be purchased and readily available for replacement of used items.

FISCAL IMPACT

OPD seeks to use its \$655,579 State COPS XXV allocation to fund heavy duty body armor for the SWAT Team, helicopter maintenance, to refurbish the Records Division workstations and obtain Micro TraumaPak kits, medical training supplies and equipment. There is no match requirement for this grant. The appropriation is solely an addition to City funds and cannot be used to supplant City funding from any other fund.

Item	Amount
Body Armor for SWAT Team	\$175,000
Helicopter Repairs/Maintenance	\$300,000
Refurbished Records Division workstations and equipment	\$50,579
Customized Micro TraumaPak Kits, medical training supplies and equipment	\$130,000
Total	\$655,579

Funding will be allocated in the fund TBD; Fiscal Services Division Org (106510); Agency-wide Administration Program (PS01) and in Projects and Accounts to be determined.

Fund Source	Organization	Project	Program	Amount
TBD	106510	TBD	PS01	\$655,579

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

There was no public outreach for the preparation of this report beyond the standard noticing procedures. There is public interest as funds will be used to enhance public and officer safety.

COORDINATION

This report and resolution were reviewed by the Office of the City Attorney and the Budget Bureau.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Whenever possible, equipment used for this project will be purchased locally.

Environmental: There are no environmental issues associated with this report.

Race and Equity: The services provided through this initiative will assist the community through improved policing services, which benefit all Oakland residents and visitors. The areas which are most under-resourced are also disproportionately impacted by crime. Medical supplies, repair and maintenance for the helicopters, and improved records equipment are crucial for consistent and reliable police response to calls for services, to render aid once at crime scenes, and to provide effective and reliable services to the Oakland community.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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For questions regarding this report, please contact LaRajia Marshall, OPD, Fiscal Services Manager at (510) 238-4767.

Respectfully submitted



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