



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Edward D. Reiskin
City Administrator

FROM: Susan Manheimer
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SUBJECT: DOJ Coronavirus Emergency Funding
2020 Grant

DATE: September 10, 2020

City Administrator Approval

Date: Oct 8, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Approve A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To Accept And Appropriate The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 U.S Department Of Justice (DOJ) "Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund" Grant In The Amount Of One Million Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars (\$1,330,582), To Purchase: 1) Community Resource Safety Vehicles (CRSV); 2) A Decontamination Trailer; And 3) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Sanitation Supplies, During The Grant Period Of January 20, 2020 Through January 31, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) has been awarded \$1,330,582 by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) - a formula grant to prevent the spread of, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. OPD is seeking approval to use this grant to purchase three CRSVs, one decontamination trailer (DT), and PPE and sanitation supplies. The vehicles will allow OPD personnel to provide community training and communication for the prevention of the virus, sanitation (such as handwashing), and decontamination capabilities.

The vehicles and equipment will also be used to more easily distribute PPE and sanitation supplies to the public, particularly those within our most challenged communities who lack resources and have been disparately affected by the pandemic. These vehicles will also be used for public engagement and dissemination of pandemic-specific information and engagement. Since the pandemic began, our very successful and impactful "call-ins" through our Ceasefire program have been scaled back to comply with social distancing. The call-ins are meetings with our most at-risk individuals involved in violence in our communities. These vehicles will allow us to safely ramp up our services. They will be used to provide on-scene privacy for conducting sensitive interviews with crime victims and witnesses as well as a more private setting for intervention meetings.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The DOJ, Office of Justice Programs has awarded the City of Oakland (City) with a grant from its FY 2020 CESF Program. The grant award is in the amount of \$1,330,582 for the period of January 20, 2020 to January 31, 2022. The CESF Program provides funding to assist local units

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of governments to provide training to prevent the spread of the virus, prepare for events, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic within the City to assist all Oakland citizens.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Community Resource Safety Vehicles (CRSV)

OPD seeks to purchase multipurpose vehicles to support the department's ability to respond to critical emergencies and vital community needs. During the pandemic we need to adapt to the community's need for a safe and hygienic facility to meet with Department members. In addition, these vehicles would be the primary resource used for emergency evacuations during events such as building fires, wildfires, medical pandemics, mandatory decontamination zones, and mobile cooling facilities for community members.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic the department immediately recognized it was not equipped to manage mass evacuations and had no decontamination locations for officers, dispatchers, civilian staff, or community members. This specially equipped vehicle can also serve as a community resource center during critical incidents where community members could utilize the vehicle as a waiting area sequestered until the incident was safely resolved and they could return to their residence. This vehicle will not be designed like other OPD mobile command vehicles. The vehicle will be emblazoned with COMMUNITY RESOURCE VEHICLE, the appearance will be non-militaristic, and it will be equipped with items to support emergency community needs. This vehicle will be present to provide outreach and supportive services as we roll out our #OPDCARES program.¹

The City of Oakland doesn't currently have large vehicles to support police operations and provide support to our Oakland communities during the Coronavirus pandemic. To this end, OPD proposes to use these new vehicles to provide PPE, medical supplies, food, training, counseling, victim services and information. OPD plans to use grant funds to purchase three (3) CRSVs. The vehicles will be deployed across the entire City of Oakland; one vehicle assigned to Areas 1&2, second vehicle Area 3&4, third vehicle solely to Area 5. The department is in need of these vehicles based on the number of critical incidents so far in 2020.

Recent incidents have required the department to seek resources from outside agencies, mutual partners, federal partners, and the use of rental equipment to manage the very critical needs of the community and the departments. In August 2020, the Department began an initiative in Area 5 called #OPDCARES. This initiative is a response to a significant increase in violent crime in Area 5. The initiative is a collaboration between the department and community to provide additional resources, support, and presence. A CRSV parked in the impacted areas would allow community members to use the vehicle as a community center, meeting space, and provide high visibility city and police presence in an impacted area. Currently OPD has a single large vehicle that is OPD's only command post, has limited capacity and doesn't allow for the social distancing these vehicles can achieve. The CRSVs will be a community resource and a valuable addition to our #OPDCARES program.

¹ <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2020/opd-cares>

After a violent crime occurs, the vehicles provide on-scene privacy for conducting sensitive interviews with victims and witnesses. OPD recognizes the traumatic impact violence can have on a community, particularly during this challenging pandemic period; these vehicles can be used to bring police support to the community so residents can communicate with OPD without visiting the police administration buildings when needing privacy outside of their residences and out of public view. The CRSVs can also be quickly utilized during a local natural disaster (e.g. fire or earthquake) for disaster response.

Decontamination Trailer

OPD plans to use grant funds to purchase one decontamination trailer (DT). The trailer would be used for OPD personnel to disinfect themselves and their gear, especially when personnel believe they may have contacted a person who may have the virus. Officers and other OPD field personnel face a greater possibility of contact with persons infected with the virus. A number of OPD members have contacted the virus during this pandemic. OPD has instituted procedures for minimizing contact as well identifying the need to immediately remove uniform garments and equipment when exposure may have occurred. It is critical after exposure that there be no reentry to the workplace. The DT will give us the mobile capacity to provide security and sanitation immediately upon exposure. The use of a DT can provide decontamination upon demand. Officers and other field personnel can immediately report to the decontamination trailer when they believe they may have been exposed.

The DT can also be used by OPD when staff are exposed to other hazardous chemicals. The decontamination trailer can also be used by community members who have been exposed to contaminants. Currently the City of Oakland does not own any equipment which can be used for multiple individuals as a decontamination trailer. During the current COVID-19 pandemic, OPD is utilizing a community center and paying for security staff in case an officer gets contaminated and needs to change clothes and equipment without coming into contact with others. This trailer will provide a cost-effective and secure resource to minimize contamination to staff and community members.

PPE and Sanitary Supplies

OPD plans to use a portion of the grant funds to purchase PPE, including but not limited to:

- masks;
- gloves;
- face shields;
- printed materials to provide education and awareness of safety and sanitation and exposure spread;
- hand sanitizers and disinfectant supplies; and,
- other related PPE and hygiene supplies.

The City of Oakland has been hit with high rates of COVID-19, particularly in our minority and under resourced communities. The PPE and sanitation supplies will be purchased to share – at no charge – throughout the City.

There is an urgent need to do outreach and engagement. With the Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) and many of our allied community-based organizations, will be distributing our

PPE supplies in specifically targeted areas impacted by COVID-19, crime and violence. The DVP and our allied agencies will work with community ambassadors best positioned to directly work with these communities distributing PPE and hygiene supplies to communities. We have lined up fiscal sponsors to administer and match some of these funds to leverage this grant and directly benefit our community.

FISCAL IMPACT

OPD seeks to use its \$1,330,582 allocation to fund the purchase of vehicles and the trailer, supplies, as detailed below. 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.

Table 1: CESF Grant Spending Plan

Description of Funds	Computation	Amount
Response Vehicles and Trailer	Mobile Vehicles (3 @ \$318,194 each)	\$954,582
	Decontamination Trailer (1)	\$76,000
PPEs and Sanitation Supplies	Estimate based on needs to date	\$300,000
Oakland Spending Plan Total – Total Grant Amount		\$1,330,582

Funding will be allocated in the US Department of Justice Grant Fund (2112); Fiscal Services Division Org (106510); CESF Project (TBD); Agency-wide Administration Program (PS01).

Fund Source	Organization	Project	Program	Amount
2112	106510	TBD	PS01	\$1,330,582

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

There was no public outreach for the preparation of this report beyond the standard noticing procedures.

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, other than the unprecedented Coronavirus pandemic and how it is impacting Oakland communities.

Race and Social Equity: The services provided through this initiative will assist the Oakland Community through improved and safe community services and enhanced police-community relations, outreach, training, education and communication; This service level enhancement will benefit all Oakland residents and visitors and in particular communities that have less access to education and resources.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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