

TO: Sabrina B. Landreth

City Administrator

FROM: David E. Downing

Assistant Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Waterways Enforcement Equipment

Grant

DATE:

September 6, 2016

City Administrator Approval

Date: 10/13/16**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Approve A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To Accept And Appropriate Grant Funds From The State Of California Department Of Parks And Recreation, Division Of Boating And Waterways, In An Amount Not To Exceed Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred And Eighty-Two Dollars (\$44,382) By September 30, 2017, To Purchase Equipment For The Marine Enforcement Unit (MEU) Of The Oakland Police Department (OPD).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adoption of this resolution will allow OPD's MEU to use the grant funds to purchase jet skis, scuba diving gear and a carbon ladder. These items will allow MEU to remove abandoned vessels, help with rescues, and provide greater safety to the boating community and the Port of Oakland.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

OPD has patrolled the City of Oakland waterfront and the Port of Oakland for the past 20 years. MEU currently consists of four officers operating four law enforcement vessels.

OPD and the Port of Oakland estimate that there are more than 3,000 vessels berthed in Oakland, not including the large number of recreational boats and other vessels that launch and use the waterways each day. OPD has primary law enforcement responsibilities for the waterways within the City's boundaries. These waterways include the Estuary, portions of the San Francisco Bay, and Lake Merritt. Responsibilities include patrolling the Bay Bridge and the Port of Oakland terminals, as well as conducting investigations of maritime and small boat collisions, and enforcing various laws related to the safe operation of recreational boats in and around the numerous commercial vessels that use the same waterways.



ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Jet skis have been needed for years in areas where larger OPD vessels are unable to navigate. These areas are Lake Merritt which is approximately 140 aces and the Oakland Estuary (20 miles of water front). Both locations are highly used by the boating community. OPD also needs the jet skis where emergency rescues and body recovery efforts are very difficult to perform with currently available vessels. The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) possesses jet skis for such uses. OPD has used them before, but SFPD's geographic distance from Oakland makes vessel sharing difficult and impractical.

OPD has several officers who are certified as scuba divers and possess all required qualifications. The use of dive gear would allow OPD to: 1) conduct inspections of vessels that are taking in water and are in danger of sinking; and 2) assist in the refloating of vessels that have sunk. OPD has borrowed dive gear in the past from the Port of Oakland to recover firearms from the Estuary which were used in homicides and other serious crimes. However, some of this equipment has reached the end of its lifecycle and no longer operational.

A carbon ladder will allow OPD personnel to easily connect one maritime vessel to another for the purpose of boarding and inspecting maritime vessels. OPD had a small wire ladder that posed a safety risk and is no longer in use; a carbon ladder will provide a safer process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to accept and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$44,382 from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways Law Enforcement Equipment Grant Program Fund to the Oakland Police Department purchase of the law enforcement equipment.

The grant funding will be appropriated as outlined in the table below. The appropriation will not be used to supplant City funding from any other fund. OPD will comply with the City's competitive bidding process in using these funds to purchase jet skis, diving equipment and a carbon ladder.

Fund Source	Organization	Account	Project	Program	Amount
2134	107710	TBD	TBD	PS13	\$44,382

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

The public will benefit from a clear and less hazardous estuary and Port of Oakland.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office and the Controller's Bureau were consulted in the preparation of this report.



SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Acceptance of the grant will help the City maintain clean waterways and improve the vitality of the Oakland Estuary, San Francisco Bay, and Lake Merritt. If possible, the OPD MEU will work with locally based professional salvage companies via the bid process.

Environmental: The continued ability to readily identify pollution incidents and enforce laws relating to the pollution of the City's waterways will improve the water quality.

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

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Recommends That The City Council Approve A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To Accept And Appropriate Grant Funds From The State Of California Department Of Parks And Recreation, Division Of Boating And Waterways, In An Amount Not To Exceed Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred And Eighty-Two Dollars (\$44,382) By September 30, 2017, To Purchase Equipment For The Marine Enforcement Unit (MEU) Of The Oakland Police Department (OPD).

For questions regarding this report, please contact Donneshia Nell Taylor, Fiscal Manager at (510) 238-3288.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Safety Committee October 25, 2016

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK OAKLAND OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Approved as to Form and Legality

City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO.____

C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$44,382) BY SEPTEMBER 2017, TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE **ENFORCEMENT** UNIT (MEU) OF THE OAKLAND **POLICE DEPARTMENT (OPD)**

WHEREAS, the OPD is the City's designated law enforcement agency for waterway security surrounding the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, members MEU are tasked with the security of the waterways near the Sea and Air Ports as well as the Oakland Estuary; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways awarded the City of Oakland with a grant in the amount of \$44,382 for the Purchase of marine equipment to be used in protecting Oakland's waterways; and

WHEREAS, OPD plans to purchase jet skis, diving equipment, and a special carbon ladder to support MEU vessel enforcement, water rescue, and related maritime patrol activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized acceptance of similar grant funds by Resolution No. 85368 C.M.S., dated December 30, 2014, Resolution No. 79374 C.M.S., dated July 9, 2005, Resolution No. 79641 C.M.S., dated December 20, 2005, and Resolution No. 83246 C.M.S., dated February 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, funding will be appropriated in the State of California Grant Fund (2134); Special Operations Division (107710); Special Operations Program (PS13); and Project Account to be determined; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator or designee to accept and appropriate a State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways Law Enforcement Equipment Grant in the amount

not to exceed \$44,382 by September 30, 2017, for the purchase of marine-related equipment; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or 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; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That all contracts authorized by this resolution shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality prior to execution, and a copy shall be placed on file with the City Clerk.

	IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,,	20
	PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
	AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY	KAPLAN, REID, and
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